He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. 2. Sam: 23. 3.

Evening and morning, and at noon will I pray. Psalm. 55 : 17.

THE Whole Duty OF PRAYER,

Containing DEVOTIONS FOR Every Day in the Week, AND FOR Several Occasions, Ordinary and Extraordinary.

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Psal. 65 2. *O thou that hearest Prayers, unto thee shall all flesh come.*

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THE

Preface.

I Need not Recommend this ſmall Manual to the World, ſince it bears the Name of ſo Learned an Author, whoſe Works have given ſufficient demonſtration of his Worth and Excellency, and will to his laſting Honour be venerated in all Ages,

The Preface.

This Pattern of Piety hath lay concealed for many years, and was at first Dedicated to the ſervice of an honourable Lady, in whoſe Cabinet it hath been choicely kept as one of her precious Jewels; it was never deſign'd for the Preſs, by reaſon the Reverend Authors Modeſty ſhould not be offended.

Upon her Bed of Mortality, ſhe was pleaſed to honour me ſo far, as to commit it to my Care, with a particular Charge not to publiſh it; but one of her Mercenary Servants, by his vigilant Induſtry, had Plagiary-like, got a Tranſcript, and ſince this Pious and Honourable Perſons Deceaſe, did deſign it for the Preſs. 'Being unwilling ſo much Injuſtice ſhould be acted againſt ſo Worthy a Perſon,

ſon, I was forced to Cancel my Obligation, and to hand with all ſpeed the Original to be Printed, that I might prevent any Surreptitious Copy.

What Alterations I was forced to make, was leaving out the Praying for our Royal Anceſtors, and placing in our Royal ſoveraign Lord and Lady, King William *and Queen* Mary, *&c. Some additional Prayers I thought proper to inſert, as a Thanksgiving for His Majeſties Safe Return, and the Succeſs of his Royal Navy and Armies, a Duty enjoyned on the Church in Publick, and ought to be the Duty of every Chriſtian in Private. Laſtly, I have added ſome few Graces which may be neceſſary for Minor Chriſtians; I*

ſhall now conclude with the Words of St. Paul *to* Timothy, 2 *Epiſtle*, 2 *Chapter*, *Verſe the* 7*th.* Conſider what hath been ſaid, and the Lord give thee Underſtanding in all things.

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THE Whole Duty OF PRAYER.

What Prayer is, and the Parts of it.

PRAYER is the Duty both of Soul and Body; it is an humble addreſs unto God, for whatſoever we ſtand in need of, either in relation to this Life, or that which is to come: The Firſt part of this Duty is Confeſſion, which is the acknowledging of our Sins in all Humility before the great Author of our Being: Now Confeſſion is two fold, general, and particular; the general is, when we Confeſs only we are ſinful, without naming any particulars, which indeed be-

longs to publick Prayer, but the acknowledging our Sins to God is very neceſſary, whether Publick, or Private: Particular Confeſſion is when we expreſs the ſeveral ſorts, and acts of our Sins, and what ill habits we are moſt prone to; this is proper for Private Prayer, and ought often to be uſed, for we cannot repeat too often our fouleſt Sins which we are guilty of, nor cannot enough bewail our own unworthineſs in committing them.

THE next part of Prayer is by way of Petition, which is begging of God whatever we ſtand moſt in need of, either for our Souls or Bodies; firſt for our Souls we muſt beg pardon and abſolution for all our Sins, in the name of Jeſus Chriſt, who obtained it with his blood: Secondly we muſt earneſtly beſeech the grace and aſſiſtence of Gods bleſſed Spirit to enable us to forſake all ſin and wickedneſs, and to live in obedience to him: then it will be very neceſſary to beg all theſe particular graces, Faith, Hope, Charity, Love, Zeal, Purity, and Repentance; if thou art proud, pray for Humility; if luſtful for Chaſtity, if guilty, of gluttony pray for temperance, and ſo for all other vertues thou ſtandeſt moſt in need of.

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IN Petitioning for our Bodies we are to beg of God ſuch accommodations of life, as are neceſſary for us, but in ſuch a degree and meaſure, as his all-ſeeing Wiſdom knows is moſt ſuitable to our ſtate, and Condition. The next duty, and Third part of Prayer is deprecation, which conſiſts in praying to God to turn away from us either the evil of ſin, or the evil of puniſhment; to pray againſt the evil of ſin, is to beg earneſtly of God to preſerve us by his Grace from falling into any ſin; and when we are under any great temptation, and even ready to yield, then we muſt humbly beſeech him, either to withdraw the temptation, or elſe by the Power of his Grace ſtrengthen us againſt it: Next, we are to pray againſt the evil of Puniſhment, which are, two ſorts, Spiritual and Temporal; Spiritual puniſhments, are the Wrath of God, the with holding of his Grace, and Everlaſting Damnation: Temporal puniſhments, is loſs of Friends, Goods or reputation, but in theſe things we muſt wholly ſubmit to the will of God, unto whom all we have belongs.

A FOURTH Duty in Prayer is interceſſion, which is praying for all ſorts & conditions of Men, as Governours in Church

and State, our Parents, Husband, Wife, Children, or other Relations and Friends, for all thoſe in affliction, either in Body, Mind or Eſtate; nay even for our very Enemies, according to the Example of our Lord and Maſter, who prayed for his very Crucifiers, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*: The fifth Duty of Prayer is Thankſgiving, Praiſing and bleſſing God for all his Mercies, Spiritual and Temporal, Spiritual bleſſings are his ſending his Son into the World for our Redemption, and his holy Spirit to ſanctifie us, that we are born Chriſtians, and are made partakers of his Holy Word and Sacraments: We are likewiſe to return him Thanks, for his patience and long ſuffering, in not cutting us off in our Sins and Follies: Temporal bleſſings, which we are to give Thanks for, may be for the proſperity of a Church or Nation, and all deliverances which are remarkable: Some belong to our ſelves, as Health, Wealth, Food and Rayment, Friends, with many other Mercies we daily receive from God, of which whoever receives the leaſt bleſſing, is indebted all his life time to Praiſe the Author and giver of all good things.

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THESE forementioned parts of our duty in Prayer, are to be made uſe of both in private and publick, that is in the Church and in our Cloſet, but more eſpecially in the Church, to which place there is a peculiar Bleſſing belongs, which Chriſt hath promiſed, that where two or three are gathered together in his Name he will be in the midſt of them: The ſecond Duty of publick Prayer, is that in a Family, and that indeed ought to be the Maſters care to provide for the Souls of thoſe that belong to him, as to provide food for their Temporal Nourihment: Now if he neglects this Duty, and takes no care of his Houſehold in this important affair, that Man cannot well be eſteemed a Chriſtian, but a Heathen.

PRIVATE Prayer is a Duty to be uſed in ſecret, where we can more particularize our ſins when alone then is requiſite to be done in publick: Next we are to be frequent in Prayer, and not complain we want leiſure for ſo doing; for he which is moſt buſie may find ſome time to perform this Duty, elſe how can he expect his Employment ſhould be ſanctified; now it is a great advantage for Men to ſeek God, at leaſt.

Morning

Morning and Evening, if they expect a Bleſſing upon their endeavours: Next, the advantages we reap by Prayer are many: Firſt, It is a great honour, to ſpeak freely to the Almighty: Secondly, It is a great benefit, for it brings down Bleſſings both Spiritual and Temporal to us; Thirdly, It is a pleaſant Duty, it draws us nearer to God, which qualifies us for the joys of Heaven, where Chriſt is, at whoſe *right hand are pleaſures for evermore.*

NEXT, We muſt take care that we ask nothing which is unlawful, but whatſoever we ſtand in need of to ask it in faith, and great humility; Secondly, We muſt be attentive, and mind what we are about, conſidering that it is the Majeſty of Heaven we are to treat withal, and that our neceſſities cannot be ſupplied without his Divine aid and aſſiſtance. Thirdly, Vigilancy, Zeal, and Purity of intention muſt not be omitted, for *the Sacrifice of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord*: Laſtly, What we pray for, muſt be to a good end, that is, not to pray for Wealth, to *conſume it upon our Luſts*: Or for grandeur to exercile our malice upon our Enemies, but whatever we do muſt be done to the glory of God, through whom

whom we have Redemption in his blood, even the forgiveneſs of our Sins.

Ejaculations at up riſing.

AWAKE O my Soul, and ſing unto the Lord.

GLORY be to the Holy and undivided Trinity for watching and preſerving me this Night.

I LAID me down and ſlept, for thou Lord ſuſtaineſt me.

LORD ariſe, and lift up the light of thy Countenance upon me.

A Prayer for a Private Perſon in the Morning.

MOST gracious God, whoſe Mercies are rich and infinite, to all thy Servants that call upon thee; accept I humbly beſeech thee this my morning Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving which I now am to offer up unto thy Divine Majeſty: O Lord, in thee I live, move, and have my being; thou formedſt me in the Womb, and haſt writ my name in the Book of Life, and that I might not be

be miſerable, but happy, thou ſenteſt thy only beloved *Son* to dye for me, and to redeem me from all iniquity.

WHAT ſhall I render unto thee, O Lord, for all theſe thine ineſtimable benefits, pour forth thy Grace upon me, I beſeech thee, that I may abound in Thankſgiving and Praiſe for them; Enlarge my heart with thy Love, that I may in ſome degree Comprehend with all *Saints* the meaſure of thine Infinite Mercy and Goodneſs manifeſted to me, by thy dear *Son*, and my alone *Saviour*. To whom therefore with thee, and thy bleſſed *Spirit*, be aſcribed the whole glory of my Creation, Redemption, *Sanctification*, and *Salvation*.

FORGIVE O Lord, the manifold ſins which I commit daily and hourly againſt thee, and grant that for the time to come thy reſtraining Grace may ſubdue my unruly inclinations, and diſtempered affections; and as I have been a *Servant* of ſin, I may now become an Example of Reformation: That ſo I may rejoyce in thee as my only Treaſure, and reſt in thee, who art the Center of my felicity; and be throughly convinced how good it is to draw nigh unto thee, accounting all things but

but droſs and dung in Compariſon of the excellency of Jeſus Chriſt aud my alone Saviour and Redeemer.

O LORD, As thou in thy tender Mercy and Compaſſion haſt watched over me this Night, and defended me from my Ghoſtly adverſary, ſo I beſeech thee, let thy all-ſeeing Eye of Providence guide me this day in all my Thoughts, Words, and Actions, whereby I may fall into no Sin, nor run into any kind of danger: But that all my doings may be ordered by the governance, to do alwaies that which is Righteous in thy ſight, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour, in whoſe Bleſſed Name, and Words, I ſhut up theſe my imperfect Prayers in that moſt abſolute form of Prayer which he himſelf hath taught me, ſaying, *Our Father*, &c.

A Prayer at Departure from Home.

ALMIGHTY and Everlaſting God, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; look down from thy Throne of Mercy to thy footſtool of Compaſſion, and behold me now betwixt the Aſſaults of the Devil, the allurements of the World,

World, and my own vain inclinations; I cannot look abroad, but they are ever ready to moleſt me; but O thou that leadeſt *Joſeph* like a ſheep, thou moſt faithful and Almighty Guide, lend me thy hand, open mine Eyes, direct my ſteps, and cauſe me to walk in thy fear.

THOU that didſt go out with *Jacob* from *Beerſheba* unto *Padanaram*, guiding him in the *waſt plains*, and watching over him on his *pillow of Stones*, be not now far from me; lead me, O Lord, in thy righteouſneſs, make my Paths ſtraight, and ſtrengthen my goings, that having finiſhed my courſe here, I may ſit down in thy Kingdom hereafter, an inheritance undefiled, purchaſed for me with the Blood of my Saviour, and thy beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Ejaculations for the Evening.

LET *not the Sun go down upon thy Wrath*, Eph. 4. 6. *Watch ye, for ye know not when the Maſter of the Houſe cometh at Even, or at Midnight, or at the Cock-crowing, or in the Morning, leſt coming ſuddenly, he find you ſleeping*, Mark 13. 35.

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An Evening Prayer for a Private Perſon.

O LORD God, full of loving kindneſs, and long-ſuffering, whoſe Mercy is above all thy Works, and thy Glory above the Heavens, forgive me I beſeech thee, my tranſgreſſions this day, my vain thoughts, idle words, and looſe Converſation; my exceeding neglect and forgetfulneſs of thee, my head-ſtrong inclinations, and luſting after the World, preferring this Land of *Cabul* before the Snow of *Lebanon*, and a broken Ciſtern before the Well of Life.

JUSTLY, O Lord, mighteſt thou have cut me off this day, and caſt me into the Lake of thy Diſpleaſure, but thou haſt had Mercy, and not Sacrifice; thou haſt ſhed upon me the Light of thy Countenance, and removed my ſins far out of thy ſight. I know, O Lord, it is not in Man to eſtabliſh his own Ways, it is thy Almighty Arm muſt do it; it is thou alone that haſt led me through this day, and kept me both from doing and from ſuffering Evil.

AND now, O thou Preſerver of men! what ſhall I do unto thee? What ſhall I render unto my Lord, for all the mercies

cies and loving kindneſſes ſhewed unto thy Servant this day, and all the days of my life, even to this moment? I will, offer unto thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and call upon the Name of the Lord: I will ever love thee, fear thee, praiſe thee, and truſt in thee; my Song ſhall be of thee in the Night Seaſon, and in the Day time I will be ſpeaking of thy wondrous Works.

AND foraſmuch as thou (out of thy tender Love and Compaſſion on thy Creatures) haſt ordained this time for their repoſe and refreſhment, that having paſt through the Cares and Dangers of the Day, they might under the ſhadow of thy Wings find reſt and ſecurity; keep me, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, from the Hours and the Powers of darkneſs; watch over me this Night in thy Almighty Providence, and ſcatter all the Rebellions and Devices of my Adverſaries; enlighten my Soul, ſanctifie my Body, govern my Affections, and guide my Thoughts, that in the faſteſt cloſures of my Eye lids my Spirit may ſee thee, and in the depth of ſleep be converſant with thee. This, and what ever thou knoweſt is needful for me, I humbly beg at thy hands, through the merits

rits of Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Ejaculations to be uſed on ſeveral Occaſions.

When you awake in the Night.

HOLY, *holy, holy, Lord God of Sabbath! Heaven and Earth are full of the Majeſty of thy Glory.*

When the Clock ſtrikes.

BLESSED be the hour in which my Lord Jeſus was Born, and the hour in which he Died! O Lord, remember me at the hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment.

When you intend any Buſineſs, or Journey.

O DO well unto thy Servant! that I may live and keep thy Word. Proſper thou the Work of my hands upon me, O proſper thou my handy Work.

When

When thou art Perſecuted.

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me, make haſte to help me, O Lord!

Upon ſome ſudden Fear.

O SET me upon the Rock that is higher than I, for thou art my Hope, and a ſtrong Tower for me againſt my Enemy.

Upon any diſorderly Thoughts.

MAKE me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.

Upon any occaſion of Sadneſs.

THY rebuke hath broken my Heart, I am full of Heavineſs, but thou, O Lord, ſhalt lift me up again.

Upon any Diffidence.

THOU art my Hope, O Lord, even from my Youth, through thee have I been holden up ever ſince I was born; though thou ſhouldſt kill me, yet will I truſt in thee.

When

When thou perform'ſt any good Work.

NOT unto me, O Lord, not unto me, but unto thy Name give the praiſe.

When thou art provoked to Anger.

GIVE thy peace unto thy Servant, O God, let no man take away my Crown; in patience, O Lord, let me poſſeſs my Soul.

For thine Enemies.

LORD, lay not this Sin to their Charge, they know not what they do.

Upon any Deliverance, or Mercy received.

THE Lord is my Shepherd, I ſhall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green Paſtures, he leadeth me beſides the ſtill Waters; he hath prevented me with the bleſſings of Goodneſs, he hath granted me my Hearts deſire, and not with-holden the Requeſt of my Lips. Surely Goodneſs and Mercy ſhall follow me all the days of my Life, and I will dwell in the Houſe of my God for ever.

Upon

Upon any Loſs or Adverſity.

SHALL we receive good at the hand of God, and ſhall we not receive Evil? Naked came I out of my Mothers Womb, and naked ſhall I return thither; the Lord Gave, and the Lord hath taken away, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord.

When you hear the Bell Toll for one Departed.

TEACH me, O Lord, to number my days, that I may apply my Heart unto Wiſdom.

Upon thought of thy Sins.

TURN away thy Face from my Sins, O Lord, and blot out all my offences,

PRAISE the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits, who forgiveth all thy Sins, and healeth all thine Infirmities.

When thou art weary of the Cares and Vanities of this World.

LIKE as the Hart brayeth for the Water-brooks, ſo thirſteth my Soul after thee, O God.

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O WHO will give me the Wings of a Dove, that I may fly away and be at reſt.

Meditations for Sunday.

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made, let me rejoyce and be glad therein, it is a day of reſt and ſweetneſs unto my Soul, and a day of Eaſe from Labour unto my Body; as thou, O God, didſt reſt this day from the Works of thy Creation, ſo grant that I may ceaſe this day from all Sin, and by an earneſt Repentance implore thy Pardon; thaw this frozen Heart of mine, that this day it may melt at thy preſence; and ſay unto my Soul thoſe comfortable Words which thou wert pleaſed once to ſay to *Zacheus*, *This day is Salvation come to thy Houſe.*

O LORD, I am utterly unworthy in my ſelf to ſtand at the Door of thy Sanctuary, much leſs to appear in thy preſence, and to be made partaker of thy Heavenly Gifts, for thou, O Lord, art a God of pure Eyes, and canſt not behold Iniquity; and I am thy ſinful Creature, not only wilfully oppoſite unto thee, but even Enmity it ſelf againſt thee.

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Unto thee therefore belongeth Righteouſneſs, and unto me ſhame and confuſion of Face. Lord, when I thus ſee my ſelf in the Glaſs of thy Law, *my fleſh trembleth for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy Judgments.*

I HAVE ſinned againſt Heaven, and before thee, by my ſad refuſal of thy gracious offer of Eternity, in my ſinful relinquiſhing of thy Sacred Word; and am now no more worthy to be called thy Child. I have been too long feeding on the empty husks of Vanity, amongſt the filthy Swine of Senſuality, and am now willing by thy Grace, to return home unto thee, and to humble my ſelf low before thee, that thou mayeſt have the Glory, and I the Comfort of thy Gracious Pardon. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sunday Morning.

O LORD, I acknowledge this day to be thine, as conſecrated and ſet apart for thy Worſhip and Service, and to be obſerved not only as a Holy day, but a glorious day unto thee, wherein I ought to pay my vows, preſent my Perſon and my Prayers before thee,

to

to hear thy word, and Meditate upon the ſame, to thy Glory, and my own Everlaſting Comfort. To this end remove far from me all wandering Thoughts, and Worldly Affections, and work in me a deſire of ſtudying thy Law, and walking in the Truth, that thy Word may not prove unto me the Savour of Death unto Death, but of Life unto Life.

LET my Ears be attentive, that I may hear thoſe things which thou ſhalt inſtruct me, that hearing, I may underſtand them; underſtanding I may remember them; remembring, I may practice them, to adorn that profeſſion which I have invocated in thy Name, and confirm me in the Faith of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt. wherein I was baptized, and made a Member, raiſe me, O Father, by the power of my Saviours Reſurrection from Sin and Iniquity, and give me Spiritual reſt, Peace of Conſcience, Joy in the Holy Ghoſt, and Fellowſhip in the Communion of Saints, that when I ſhall leave this Earthly Tabernacle, I may keep an Everlaſting Sabbath with thee in the Kingdom of Heaven.

BEHOLD, O Lord, I knock at the Door of thy Mercy, and tender Com-

paſſion, with all the Faculties of my Soul and Body, for all theſe Graces and particular favours, beſeeching thee to continue unto me the right uſe of them, that thy Spirit may witneſs unto my Spirit that I am thy Son, and ſhall be Heir of thy Kingdom of Glory, and that I may be partaker of the inheritance of thy Saints in light, where are Pleaſures that laſt for Evermore. Grant this, O Father for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sunday Noon.

O GOD, thou art great in Majeſty and infinite in Mercy, wonderful in thy goodneſs unto thy Church and Children: Thou haſt commanded me to offer up my Prayer and ſupplications for thoſe that ſhall enter into the Miniſtry, and ſtand before thee to wait at thine Altar; the harveſt, O Lord, is very great, and the painful and Conſcionable Labourers but few; I beſeech thee, be pleaſed to ſend able Miniſters into thy Church, and place ſuch over particular Congregations, as like *John* the *Baptiſt*, may be burning lights, burning, as being zealous in fervency; and lights alſo as

as being conſpicuous and eminent for Charity, Sanctity of Life, and all holy Graces of thy Spirit.

LET thy *Urim* and thy *Thummim* be upon them, as upon thy Holy one; let them be ſound for Doctrine, and holy for Life and Converſation; Preaching let them practice, and by practice let them preach and teach the things which concern thy Kingdom: Open wide unto them the Door of Utterance, that they may deliver thy Word freely and boldly: Take away all differences and animoſities from amongſt them; make them examples to thoſe that believe, in ſoundneſs of Doctrine, and integrity of Converſation; bleſs them with all Graces befitting ſo high a Calling, that I may give thanks unto thee for them, finding the benefit of thy bleſſing upon me through their Labours, and may praiſe thy Name for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sunday *Evening.*

O LORD, Look down from Heaven, thine Holy Habitation, and behold with the Eye of thy Love, and tender

Compaſſion, a wretched Creature, who now calls upon thee in the Words of the poor Publican: *O God be merciful unto me a Sinner.* Write not bitter things againſt me, neither ſuffer me to poſſeſs the Sins of my Youth. O forgive, and forget all my Tranſgreſſions, and caſt mine Iniquities as far from thy preſence, in diſtance, as the *Eaſt* is from the *Weſt*.

LORD, Pardon I humbly beſeech thee, the faults and frailties which I have eſcaped this day in the ſanctifying of thy Sabbath, whether they be Sins of Omiſſion or Commiſſion; waſh them all away in the Blood of thy Son, ſanctifie me by the Word, thy Word of Truth, that this day hath ſounded in my Ears. Grant that like good Seed ſown in good Ground, it may take root downward, and bring forth Fruit upwards to the Glory and Praiſe of thy great Name, and the Salvation of my Immortal Soul.

O LET thy Word be ever in my Mind, to meditate of it; in my Mouth, to ſpeak of it; and in my Life and Converſation to practice it. By it Work in my Heart, Faith, Hope, Charity, and all other ſupernatural Graces, which accompany

accompany Salvation; open mine Eyes that I may ſee thy Law; and incline my Heart; that I may love the Truth; and loving the ſame, may yield Obedience to it; doing thy Will on Earth, or at leaſt endeavouring to do it, as the Angels in Heaven; willingly without murmuring; ſpeedily, without delaying; conſtantly, without ceaſing; and univerſally, without omitting what thou commandeſt and commendeſt in thy Word, ſo ſhall I not be diſtracted with Fooliſh fears, nor deſpair of thy Mercy, but ever Hope and Truſt in thee, and find Grace to help me in time of need; to whom be aſcribed all Honour, Power and Glory. World without end. *Amen.*

Mondays *Meditations.*

O GOD, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, who Created the Evening, and the Morning, continue, I beſeech thee unto me, as well the comfortable reſt of the Evening to refreſh my wearineſs, as the moſt neceſſary Light of the Morning to manage my affairs and buſineſs: make my

Conſcience ſerene and clear, and let the pure Light of thy Goſpel guide my Feet in the way of peace. This Light of thine, O Lord, ſheweth what I was in my Birth, Slime and Filthineſs; what I am in my Life, Vanity and Folly; and what I ſhall be in the Grave, Stench and Corruption.

LET theſe ponderous Conſiderations, Lord, humble me, that Chriſt may raiſe me; wound me, that Chriſt may heal me; load me, that Chriſt may eaſe me; and make me moſt vile in my own Eyes, that I may be moſt dear and precious in his ſight. O thou, which as upon this day createdſt the Clouds to Rain upon the Earth, ſhower down thy Graces plentifully into my hardned heart to mollifie it, whereby I may be fruitful in all good Works.

LORD, who this day didſt ſeparate the Waters, ſeparate, I beſeech thee, and diſtinguiſh betwixt the Water of Tears which I ſhed for my Sins, and thoſe which I ſhed for Worldly croſſes and afflictions; caſt away the one, and put the other into thy Bottle. This day thou madeſt the Heavens and the Air, without which I cannot breathe naturally; no not one moment: Infuſe into my Soul thy

thy bleſſed Spirit of Grace, without which Spiritually I cannot breathe forth my Prayers, nor ſigh, nor ſo much as move any Faculty of Soul and Body unto thee. But, Lord, as oft as I take in, or let out the Air which I breath, let me receive in Grace from thee, and breath out Praiſe unto thee. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Monday *Morning.*

O GOD, as thou haſt now rais'd up my Body from Sleep, the Image of Death, ſo I beſeech thee deliver my mind and affections from the Sleep of Sin, and from the Darkneſs of this World; and as thou haſt brought me to the beginning of this day, be thou preſent with me, and preſident in me. Let thy holy Spirit be my Counſellor and Inſtructor, my God and my Guide to lead me into all Truth; help me by aſſiſtance of the ſame Spirit to watch over my Thoughts, Words and Works, that I may neither think, ſpeak, nor do any thing which is not agreeable to thy Holy Word.

LET me in all reverence and humility of Soul, ſubmit my ſelf unto thy holy Will, ſo that ordering my Converſa

tion aright, and walking according to thy Golden Rule, Peace may be upon me, as upon the *Iſrael* of God. Suffer me not to oppreſs, or defraud my Brother in Bargaining, Buying, and Selling, by uſing falſe Weights, and Ballances, or any other unlawful Means, but guide me ſo by thy Grace, that my Conſcience may ever cheer me up through a delightful apprehenſion of thy bleſſed Favour.

TO this end order thou my Paths, and eſtabliſh my goings in the way of Peace, Grace, and Salvation; cauſe thou me to walk upright before thee; make me to provide things honeſt before thee, and Men; behave my ſelf as in thy ſight, and do unto others as I would they ſhould do unto me. Let no Sin, inordinate Luſt, or unruly Paſſion, have dominion over me, but help me to lead Captivity Captive, to kill and crucifie my Luſts and ſinful Affections, and wage War with my Corruptions, until through Chriſt which ſtrengthens me, I ſhall prove more than Conqueror. Grant this unto me for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Monday *Night.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, I do in all humility proſtrate my ſelf before thy Divine Majeſty, to offer up unto thee this my Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Thankſgiving, who didſt offer up thy Son upon the Croſs to be a Propitiation, and meritorious Sacrifice for the Sins of the World. Lord hear me, and help me, and be merciful unto me; my ſins are great, but thy Mercies are greater; my Treſpaſſes Finite, but thy Compaſſions Infinite, and never fail.

LORD hear my Prayers, and let my Praiſes be acceptable in thy ſight, for unto thee, O Lord, upon the Altar of my Heart, do I offer up all poſſible Praiſe and Thankſgiving, for all thy Bleſſings both Spiritual and Temporal, which thou haſt in a great meaſure beſtowed upon me; but above all, for Jeſus Chriſt the Fountain of them all, by whom I have Redemption through his Blood, and Acceſs through his Life. I alſo thank thee for thy Sacred Word, and for thy Confirmation and Strengthning of my Faith, by thoſe Sacred Signs and

Pledges of thy Love which thou Exhibiteſt to me, and unto every Believing Soul in the Sacraments.

I RENDER all thanks unto thee, for my Life, Liberty, Food, and Raiment, Health, Wealth, Peace, and Plenty, which thou in much mercy haſt afforded unto me, from time to time; and I beſeech thee, to continue this thy providence over me, and as thou haſt hitherto been a Sun to comfort me, ſo be thou now a ſhield to protect me: Keep me in Soul and Body, goods and good name: Vouchſafe me this Night Peace unto my Soul, and reſt, and quietneſs to my Body, that ſo being refreſhed, I may praiſe thy name for evermore. *Amen.*

Tueſdays *Meditations.*

O LORD, who on this day madeſt dry Land, and firm ground to appear, dry up my Tears with the beams of thy Mercy, and give me firm ground of Comfort in thy Word: Thou who on this day Createdſt all kind of Seeds, Sow in my heart the incorruptible Seed of thy Sacred Writ, that I may thereby be regenerated to a lively hope: And as thou

thou on this day createdſt all kind of fruitful Trees, make me, like a good Tree, bring forth good Fruit here, that I may hereafter eat of the Tree of Life, in the midſt of the Paradiſe of God

LORD, let me enter into a ſerious Contemplation of the vanity of the World, and the deceitfulneſs of Riches; the ſhame of Pleaſures, and folly of ſports; the inconſtancy of honours, and danger of greatneſs, with the ſtrickt account which one day muſt be given for all; perſwade me by thy Spirit, that I have here no abiding City, but ought to ſeek for one hereafter: And that I am, but a Stranger and Pilgrim on this ſide Heaven.

LET me deſire Temporal Bleſſings only for Spiritual ends: Wealth, that I may be Rich in good works; preferment, to advance the honour of the Goſpel; Health, and Strength, the better to enable me to do thee ſervice; and length of dayes, that I may praiſe thee, in the Land of the Living: O Lord this day, thy Life was ſought to be deſtroyed, ſeek thou mine, I beſeech thee, to ſave it. This day thou waſt anointed to thy death and burial, anoint me with thy Spirit to Eternal Life. Save me from the

the hands of all mine Enemies, that I may ſerve thee without fear, in holineſs and Righteouſneſs all the days of my Life. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Tueſday *Morning.*

O LORD, what am I but Duſt, and Aſhes; and confeſs, I am utterly loſt, having walked after the vanity of my mind, and lived in all manner of Wickedneſs; but O, if thou ſhouldſt be extream to mark what is done amiſs, O Lord, who were able to abide it; Enter not therefore into Judgment with thy Servant, for in thy ſight ſhall no Fleſh living be juſtified: Though my Sins have magnified themſelves in Infinite length, breadth, depth, and height, yet let thy Mercy, which paſſeth all underſtanding, far exceed them.

AND howſoever, by reaſon of my Sins, I have juſtly deſerved to be not only deprived of thy bleſſings, but for ever deſerted and forſaken, yet for his ſake in whom thou art well pleaſed, caſt me not away from thy preſence of Grace here, or Glory hereafter, but by he one, lead me to the other, by Holi-

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neſs; bring me to Happineſs. Behold, O Lord, how I am thy Servant, and the Son of thy Hand-maid; O grant me Grace, that I may live with thee for ever.

THOU haſt redeemed me, O let me not fall into Captivity and Bondage unto Sin and Satan, but ſo confirm and ſtrengthen me, that both in life and death, I may continue thine, and never draw back unto Perdition, or forſake thee, the Ever-living God, or renounce my Saviour, who hath the Words of Eternal Life; and who is the way, the Truth, and the Life, but that both in Proſperity and Adverſity, I may live in thy Fear, die in thy Favour, reſt in thy Peace, and reign with thee in thy Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Tueſday *Night.*

O LORD, how often mighteſt thou cut me of in the midſt of my Sins? but thine Eye hath ſpared me, thou haſt given me ſpace of amendment, and Grace to return unto thee, to ſeek thee whilſt thou maieſt be found, and call upon thee whilſt thou art near. O Lord, be

be not far from me, but draw near unto my Soul; make haſte to deliver me, and help me. Thou haſt promiſed to ſuch as call upon thee, to be a preſent help in Trouble, to be their Shield and Buckler, their Caſtle and Fortreſs, and the Horn alſo of their Salvation.

AND now ſeeing thou haſt brought the Night upon me, wherein thou haſt ordained Man to take his reſt, keep me, O Lord, as the Apple of thine Eye, ſave and defend me from Deluſions; cauſe thine Angels to pitch their Tents round about me, and watch over my Soul and Body, that I may not commit any Sin either in Word or Deed, but perſevere in Grace until the appearing of my Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt unto Judgment.

DELIVER me, I beſeech thee, from ſudden Death, Fears and Affrightments, Caſualties by Fire, Water, or Tempeſtuous Weather, Diſturbance by Thieves, or any other Dangeh whatſoever; vouchſafe me peace of Conſcience, and joy in the Holy Ghoſt; guide me here by thy Councel, and after that receive me to Glory; let my lying down in the Bed put me in mind of my reſting in the Grave, and my riſing from thence,

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of my Reſurrection, that both in Life and Death, I may continue thine, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Meditations for Wedneſday.

WONDERFUL are thy Works, O Lord, to the Children of Men; thou haſt provided all Creatures, the Fowls of the Air, Fiſh in the Sea, and Beaſts of the Field, to furniſh his Table, cloath his Nakedneſs, and ſerve his Neceſſities. The Earth thou createdſt to ſuſtain him, the Waters to waſh and cool him, the Air to breath him, the Fire to warm him, the Flowers to refreſh him, the Herbs to cure him, the Fruits to nouriſh him, the Mines to enrich him, the precious Stones to adorn him, and the glorious Luminaries of Heaven, the Sun, and the Moon, to light him; the one in the Day, and the other in the Night, and both to meaſure his time, to direct his Husbandry, to divert him in his Peregrinations, to ripen his Fruits, and to encreaſe his Stores.

I CANNOT plead Ignorance of thy Deity, for the Heavens declare thy Glory, and the Firmament ſheweth thy Handy-

Handy-work. I cannot pretend Ignorance of thy Law, for thou haſt put thy Word into my Mouth, and written thy Law in my Heart; nor I cannot affirm that I never heard of the Light of thy Goſpel, for the Light came into the World and ſhined in the Darkneſs, and the Darkneſs comprehended it not; but Men love Darkneſs rather than Light, becauſe their Deeds are evil.

FOR which thou mighteſt moſt juſtly have caſt us into utter Darkneſs, where there is weeping and wailing, and gnaſhing of Teeth, but there is Mercy with thee, that thou mayeſt be feared; there is Balm in *Gilead* to cure our deadly Wounds; there is Unction in Chriſt, and Salvation in Jeſus, out of his precious ſide, he opened to all the Inhabitants of the Earth a Fountain for Sin, and all Uncleanneſs, whereby we might be Purified, even as he is pure.

A Prayer for Wedneſday *Morning.*

O ETERNAL God, who art of Infinite Majeſty, look down from Heaven, the Habitation of thy Holineſs, upon me thy unworthy Servant; thou art

art a God of Power, and canſt relieve me; of Goodneſs, and wilt in thy good time mercifully help me. O Lord, the Fountain of thy Mercy can never be dryed up, nor the Merits of my Saviour diminiſhed: O therefore bathe my Soul in them, that being Sanctified and Juſtified, I may appear in thy ſight more pure and white than the Snow in *Salmon*.

I BLESS thy Name for keeping me this Night paſt, and bringing me to the beginning of this Day; let thy Eyes always attend upon me, proſper, preſerve, cheriſh, guide and govern me in all my Studies, Actions, and Employments, ſo that I may ſpend this Day, and the remainder of my Life, according to thy bleſſed Will. Grant, O Lord, that whatever I do, it may be acceptable in thy ſight, to the Glory of thy moſt Holy Name, the peace of my Conſcience, and the Salvation of my own Soul.

TO this end, be thou, O Lord, my God and my Guide, my Protector, and Defender: Keep me unſpotted of the World, teach me to deny Ungodlineſs, and Worldly Luſts, and to live Soberly towards my ſelf, Righteouſly towards my Neighbour, and Piouſly towards thee

thee, my God; repenting truly of my Sins, and ſerving thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all my daies, that in life, thou mayeſt be my God, in death my Deliverer, and after death, my Eternal Rewarder. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Wedneſday Night.

O MOST glorious God, I do here at this time with the good *Samaritan* return to give thee thanks for all thy Mercies and Bleſſings beſtowed on my Soul and Body, in things Spiritual and Temporal; for my Election before all time; my Creation in the beginning of time; and my Redemption in the fulneſs of time; I praiſe and glorifie thee, for thy preſervation of me this day, and that thou haſt yet ſpared me, and haſt given me Liberty, and a gracious opportunity once more to call upon thee.

LORD, I acknowledge and confeſs, that thou mighteſt have taken me away in the midſt of my Sins, and in the very act of Committing them; but thou haſt dealt more mercifully with me; Keep me, O Lord, this Night from fear and danger, and from all noyſome Dreams

Dreams, and from all hinderances of ſweet repoſe, which thou haſt appointed for the refreſhing of wearied Nature.

SEAL unto me a full and a free Pardon of all my Sins of what Nature or quality ſoever they be, whether they be Sins of Omiſſion or Commiſſion, of knowledge, ignorance, weakneſs, or wilfulneſs; O Lord, deal not with me according to the magnitude and multitude of them, but for thine infinite Mercies blot them out of thy Book of remembrance, and caſt them out of thy ſight into the bottomleſs Sea of thy Compaſſion, that they may never riſe in this Life to ſhame me, nor in the Life to come to condemn me. *Amen.*

Meditations for Thurſday.

LORD Teach me of what Spirit I am, or ſhould be; even of that which deſcended upon thy Son in the likeneſs of a Dove, without gall: By this Spirit mortifie in me the Luſts and affections of the Fleſh, ſuch as envy, wrath, and revenge; by the ſtill ſmall voice, in which thou diſcourſedſt with *Elias*, let me obſerve, that thou art not in the fire of my

my rage, not in the ſtorm of my Paſſion, but in the ſoft gale of Grace. Thou didſt on this day repleniſh the Sea, and Rivers with Fiſh, and the Air with Fowls, in Shapes admirably various, and in number almoſt infinite; ſtir me up by this Conſideration, to admire thy power, and Wiſdom, in thus enriching this vaſt and ſeeming ſolitude.

BLESSED Lord, who this day madeſt the Waters fruitful, let thy Spirit move upon the Waters of my Tears that they may abound in the fruits of Repentance, and be bleſſed in the encreaſe of Spiritual Conſolation. This day thou Commandeſt the Fowls to fly through the Air, lift up my Soul from this Earth, with the Wings of Faith and Hope, that ſhe may mount up, towards Heaven: Make me light and cheerful, after my heavy Sorrows and Afflictions, and though I have been, as if I had layen among the Pots, yet I may be by the Grace of thy Spirit, like that Dove, whoſe Wings are Silver, and her feathers like Gold.

FOR my light and momentary Afflictions are no way worthy the Glory that ſhall be revealed unto me hereafter: And for the preſent, what are Afflictions,

ons, or Croſſes, or Perſecutions, but the common lot of thy Children, when I am thus chaſtned, I am judged of thee, that I may not be condemned of the World. How can I ever forget thee, who remembereſt me at all times, and in all places; *Amen.*

A Prayer for Thurſday *Morning.*

O LORD God, who dwelleſt in that light which no mortal Eye can approach; yet beholdeſt in Mercy the Sons and Daughters of Men; thou makeſt the out-goings of the Morning full of thy Glory, and cauſeſt the Sun to ſhine upon the juſt and the unjuſt, mercifully chaſing away the darkneſs of the Night, and ſhadow of Death: I praiſe thy Holy Name, that thou haſt vouchſafed me to paſs this Night in reſt and quietneſs, and haſt brought me ſafe to the beginning of this day.

I HUMBLY beſeech thee, by the holy incarnation, and bleſſed Nativity of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, the thrice happy day Star that appeared to the World, let thy Mercy this day reſt upon me, and the bright beams of thy

thy heavenly light ſhine forth in the dark corners of my heart, that I may not be tranſported either through the Corruption of my Nature, or the power of darkneſs to ſpend this day after my own perverſe will and pleaſure, but carefully perform thy holy will, willingly, ſpeedily, and conſtantly.

INCREASE in me, O Lord, the gift of faith and hope, that I may believe thee, and relie on thy merciful promiſes made unto me, in Chriſt Jeſus: Bleſs my Body and Soul, that no evil happen to them, and preſerve my memory and ſenſes, that they paſs not the limits of reaſon and underſtanding: Enlighten my mind, O Lord, to look upon good things, inflame my heart with the love of them, and conduct me with thy Grace, that as thou haſt raiſed my Body from ſleep, ſo my Soul may daily be raiſed from Sin; and Soul, and Body, and Spirit, may be renewed in Righteouſneſs to ſerve thee, the Living God for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Thurſday *Night.*

O LORD God, great in Mercy, and conſtant in truth; I acknowledge, and

and do here in all humility offer unto thy Divine Majeſty my duty of praiſe, and thanksgiving for all thy manifold Graces and benefits beſtowed upon me; and though I am unable to recount them, and much unworthy to be a partaker of them, yet in full aſſurance of thine unſpeakable love, I preſume to come unto thee, and now again commit to thy Almighty protection this Night, my Soul, and Body, with all its Faculties; beeeching thee to keep them day and night, blameleſs and undefiled, againſt the day of thy coming.

LORD, Pardon, and forgive, whatever Sins I have wretchedly effected, or wickedly imagined againſt thee, or my Neighbour: O lay not the faults and frailties of my youth unto my charge, but forget, O Lord, and forgive, and cancel the hand-writing that is upon the Wall, which will be ready to witneſs againſt me; ſtrike my Heart with an awe of thy fear, that I may labour to eſcape thy threatnings, and give me the comfort once more of thy Salvation.

GRANT, O Lord, that I may this Night quietly reſt under the ſhadow of thy Wings, free from fears, dangers, and Spiritual darkneſs; and when the

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dark end of this mortal life is approached, grant me, O Lord, a vigilant Heart, freely diſpoſed to abandon all tranſitory things, and depart hence in the Peace of a good Conſcience, into thine everlaſting reſt, through Jeſus Chriſt, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Meditations for Friday.

THIS day the firſt Man *Adam* was made a living Soul, and Chriſt the ſecond *Adam* was made a quickning Spirit; this day he ſinned in a Garden, and this day the Saviour of the World ſorrowed in a Garden: He took upon this day, the fruit of the forbidden Tree, and thou, O Bleſſed Redeemer wert hung upon the accurſed Tree; this day, *Adam* was caſt into a deep ſleep, and his Wife *Eve* was formed of his Rib, Fleſh of his Fleſh, and bone of his bone; likewiſe was the Son of God caſt into a deadly ſleep, and his ſide was pierced with a Spear, from whence ſprung out two bleſſed Sacraments, the Water of Regeneration, and the Blood of Expiation and Sanctification.

THIS day our Firſt Parent brought the Curſe upon himſelf, and all his poſterity

poſterity; but thou, O God haſt provided an Everlaſting Bleſſing for thy ſelf, and all thy Members; thy Law, O God, is juſt, holy and pure; but I am wicked, prophane, and impure: That Medicine is for the moſt part the beſt, which the Patient leſt approves of, becauſe it exaſperates the pain for a time. Have I the leſs affection for the moſt Holy Faith, becauſe it reſtraineth my Carnal Liberty, and abridgeth me of Worldly Contentments? Have not I a Law in my mind which oppoſeth the Law of my members? And is it not much better to Sow unto the Spirit, then unto the Fleſh, which produces only Corruption?

IS it not as eaſie for thee, to raiſe me out of Aſhes, as at the firſt to raiſe me out of the Duſt? To ſend back my Spirit into my Body, as at the firſt to breathe it in? I behold the Seed in the Earth, the Plants in the Garden, dye before they ſpring forth: I ſee Wormes and Inſects that ſpend the Winter Seaſon in a kind of Death, yet revive in the Spring: I know, I am my ſelf dead in Sleep every Night, but alive in the Morning: Why then ſhould I call in queſtion any one Article of my Belief, but humbly ſay, Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief.

A Prayer for Friday *Morning.*

O LORD God, Maker and Governour of all things both in Heaven, and Earth, I come unto thee, with a broken and a contrite Heart, lamenting my Sins, and ſeeking to find Comfort at thy merciful hands: Lord, thou knoweſt my griet, my anxiety, and care, Oh let me feel thy comforts to refreſh my Soul: Be with me this day in all my worldly affairs, and let thy holy Spirit evermore defend me and preſerve my integrity, that I may be acknowledged thine at the laſt day.

I YIELD thee all laud and praiſe, for thy preſervation of me this Night paſt, and for ſafely bringing me to behold the glorious light of this day: Lord, excite my heart, that I may expreſs my thankfulneſs, by my ſerviceable obedience, preſerve and keep me from Sin, and all irregularities both of ſoul and Body: Mortifie all my Corruptions, and ſenſual Appetites, and purge me throughly from filthineſs both of Fleſh and Spirit, that I may perfect holineſs in thy fear.

STRENGTHEN me againſt all the vanities

vanities of the World, the luſts of the Fleſh, the luſt of the Eyes, and the Pride of life; and give me Grace to employ this day, and the remainder of my Life, in all peace and purity, ſanctity and ſobriety, to thy Glory, the good Example of others; and finally, the Salvation of my own Soul. This, and whatſoever for want of memory I have omitted, I humbly beg in the Name of thy dear Son, and my alone Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Friday *Night.*

O GOD, thou cameſt into the World to ſave Sinners, behold me, I beſeech thee, the vileſt of them; but waſh! oh! waſh away all my ſins in the Blood of thy Son, ſanctifie my Nature, aboliſh my Corruptions; guide me here by thy Counſel, and after that receive me into Glory: Keep me now, and ever, ſend me a quiet repoſe, and grant that lying down to reſt, I may riſe again in thy peace, and walk in thy fear, that ſo the ſucceeding day may learn me to grow Wiſe, and for ever glorifie thy Holy Name,

INSPIRE me, O Lord, with the Spirit of ſweet Conſolation, and though ſleep is the Image of Death, and my Bed as the Grave, yet ſuffer me not to periſh ſuddenly, or unprepared, but watch over me for good, guide me now, and evermore, let no appalements diſturb me, keep me from Fire, Storms, Tempeſts, Thieves, ſudden Death, and Danger; cauſe thine Angels to pitch their Tents round about me, my Houſe and Habitation, and preſerve all that is near and dear unto me. [*Here name your particular Friends*]

REMEMBER thy Church, and every Member of it, have pity on the poor afflicted Proteſtants in all parts beyond the Seas, who ſuffer for the Teſtimony of their Faith and a good Conſcience; ſend them help from thy Holy place, and evermore mightily defend them; be unto them a Sun and a Shield, a Sun to Comfort, and a Shield to defend them in all Dangers and Tribulations; put a period unto all their afflictions, and in thy good time vouchſafe them a happy Deliverance. Lord receive them, and me, and all that appertain unto me, this Night and for ever into thy Gracious protection, through the Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.* *Medi-*

Meditations for Saturday.

THE great Creator this day reſted from all his Work which he had made, and bleſſed it; O Lord, grant that after this painful life is ended, I may enjoy a comfortable reſt with thee in Heaven, where I may keep an Eternal Sabbath, and hold a perpetual Feaſt; there will be Reſt without Labour, Tranquillity without Moleſtation, and Joys without End: There, my Soul, wilt thou behold a Glorious City, the Streets of Gold, the Gates of Pearl, and the Foundations garniſhed with all ſorts of precious Stones.

I SHALL behold thee, the Father, in thy Majeſty, Chriſt thy Son in his Glory, the Spirit in his Sanctity, the Arch-Angels and Angels in their Excellency, and the Saints in their Felicity; then ſhall I no more hunger, labour, nor travel; I ſhall no more fear, grieve, nor deſire; I ſhall want no more an earthly Houſe, for the Heaven of Heavens ſhall be my Habitation. God will be my Temple, and the Lamb that ſhineth for ever ſhall enlighten me.

LORD, Let the hope and expectation

of this Eternal reſt and felicity ſweeten all my labours, and caſe my torments, let it mitigate my afflictions, and comfort my ſpirits, that I faint not in my Journey, nor be depreſſed under my burden, but hold out cheerfully and valiantly, till I arrive at the Land of Promiſe, and there receive the Lot of mine Inheritance with the Saints in light for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Saturday *Morning.*

MOST Gracious God, ſanctifie I humbly beſeech thee, this day unto me, and my ſelf, now and ever unto thy ſervice; thy Mercies, O Lord, they are new every Morning, and therefore my Thanks ought every day to be anew repeated: I praiſe thy holy Name, for keeping me this Night paſt, unto this preſent hour and moment, and haſt now brought me unto the laſt day of the Week; grant that I may ſpend the ſame ſoberly, righteouſly, and holily.

BRING me to the knowledge of thy Bleſſed Will in all things, that I may endoavour to perform the ſame to thy Glory, the Peace of my Conſcience, and the

the preſervation of my own Soul; purge and Cleanſe my Heart and Conſcience from all dead Works, that I may ſerve thee the Living God, for evermore. Be thou my Guide in all my ways, my ſtay and ſupport in all my neceſſities; put an end to the motions of the Fleſh, enlarge my Heart for all pious Duties, and habitual Graces of thy Spirit, that I may bring forth the Fruits of them in my Life and Converſation.

BLESS the Kingdom wherein I inhabit, and thy Holy Catholick Church, whereof I am an unworthy Member; bleſs thy Servants, and our dear Lord and Lady, King *William* and Queen *Mary*, as thou haſt Crowned them with a Temporal Crown here, ſo in thy due time give them a Crown of Glory hereafter. Bleſs *Katherine* the Queen Dowager, her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Ann* of *Denmark*, with the reſt of the Royal Family. Bleſs all perſons, whether dignified or diſtinguiſhed, from the ſwayer of the Scepter, to the drawer of Water; have mercy upon all ſick perſons, Women travelling with Child, and thoſe who are troubled in Body, Mind, or Eſtate; O Lord, ſpeak peace unto their Conſciences, and as thou haſt laid

laid them down with the one hand, ſo raiſe them up with the other, if not to this Life, to Life Eternal, for the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Saturday *Evening.*

O GOD, the Maker and Preſerver of all things, look down with thy eye of Pity and Compaſſion upon me a miſerable ſinner; I here proſtrate my ſelf, Soul and Body, before thy Divine Majeſty, beſeeching thee in much Mercy to pardon my ſins, to ſanctifie me with thy Grace, and to bring me to thy glory: That ſo my Soul may be refreſhed with ſuch things as Eye hath not ſeen, Ear hath not heard, nor hath it entred into the heart of Man to conceive.

ENTER not into Judgment with thy Servant, O Lord, for in thy ſight ſhall no Fleſh living be juſtified: Examine not my wayes, this Week paſt, by the ſtrickt rule of thy Law, neither reward me in the ſeverity of thy Juſtice: But have Mercy upon me a miſerable Offender that have deſerved the ſharpeſt of thy Judgments; but as the Heavens

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are higher than the Earth, ſo is thy Mercy over all thy Works of great extent to poor Sinners.

SATISFIE my Soul with thy Mercy, and that right ſoon, ſo ſhall I rejoyce, and be glad in thee, and learn to praiſe thee evermore: And now, O Lord, as this Week is ended, ſo let my Sins be ended, and never be repeated again any more: Be pleaſed to be my merciful Protector and Preſerver from all perils and dangers this Night: Refreſh my Body with quiet reſt, that my mind may be chearful, and be fit to ſerve thee, in Sanctifying thy Sabbath, and keeping it as a glorious day unto thee, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Meditations on the Lords Supper.

HOW can I approach ſo Divine a Banquet, and not by an humble Confeſſion waſh my hands in Innocency; Holy things muſt not be given to Dogs, nor Pearls caſt before Swine: What is ſo Holy as the Body and Blood of Chriſt, and what Pearl ſo precious as this Sacrament? There is no Dog ſo filthy, or Sow ſo unclean as I am by

Nature; but with great deteſtation of my Rebellious Corruptions, I confeſs that never Dog ſo often returned to his Vomit, nor Sow to her wallowing in the mire, as I have to the ſink of Sin and mire of ſenſual filthineſs.

O WASH my hands in purity, cleanſe my Mouth, and purge my Heart; that I may take with a pure Hand, eat with an undefiled mouth, and keep in a faithful heart this bread of life, and food of Angels: give me grace, throughly and ſincerely to examine my ſelf, and grant that after Examination, I may find my deſire fervent, my knowledge Competent, my Sorrow for Sin unfeigned, my purpoſe of amendment ſtedfait, my love ſincere, and my Faith lively.

AND finding my ſelf thus apparelled in a wedding garment, let me be found of thee in Peace, and both cheerfully approach unto, and joyfully and thankfully depart from thy holy, and Heavenly Table; receiving by and with the Bread broken thy Crucified Body, and with the Wine poured out thy blood ſhed: And by both remiſſion of my Sins, readmiſſion into thy preſence and favour, incorporation into thy myſtical Body, and finally the glorification of my Body

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and Soul with thee in thy Kingdom of Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer before the Communion.

O LORD Jeſus, the Son of the living God, who freely offeredſt thy moſt Sacred Body to be broken, and thy blood to be ſhed for my Sins, that I might be ranſomed from Hell, and delivered from Wrath and Eternal Condemnation; O Lord, my ſins, original and actual, of weakneſs and wickedneſs, have deſerved thy Wrath and heavy indignation; and had not thine eye ſpared me, I had long ſince been in Everlaſting burnings, and wholly baniſhed from the preſence of thy Glory.

LORD, waſh away all my Sins in the ſtreams of thy precious Blood, which ſpeaks better things than that of *Abel*'s; thou haſt loved me in laying down thy life for me, and haſt left unto thy Church this Holy Sacrament as a pledge and aſſurance, that through thy death, all that truly partake of this Sacred and Heavenly inſtitution, apprehending the myſteries, and applying the merits of Chriſt Crucified, they may receive Comfort and Peace in believing thoſe promiſes which thou haſt expreſt unto us in thy word

word, and be partakers of the benefits of thy Sons paſſion, and have fruition of thy ſaving vertue here, and life and Glory hereafter.

ACCEPT me, O Lord, in thy dear Son, as waſhed, juſtified and Sanctified, and by thy Spirit cleanſe and purifie me daily more and more, Sanctifie my affections, and enlarge my heart for Holy and Heavenly things; and grant that through a ſtedfaſt, lively, and conſtant Faith, I may receive, and worthily eat this ſanctified Bread, and drink of this Sacred Cup, in a holy remembrance that thy Body, O Lord Jeſus, was Crucified, and thy blood was ſhed for the remiſſion of my ſins, and grant that it may ſo effectually operate in my Soul, that I may ever hereafter live in a holy obedience, according to thy heavenly Will, through Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

An Ejaculation before receiving the Bread.

BLESSED Lord, as thou haſt given thy Fleſh to be the Bread of Eternal Salvation, ſo vouchſafe to work in me by a lively Faith, that I receiving the ſame, may evermore continue in me, and thou in me. *Amen.*

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An Ejaculation before receiving the Cup.

O LORD, vouchſafe, that as thy Blood was ſhed to waſh me a Sinner from the Corruption of Old *Adam*, ſo grant that it may, through a lively Faith, take effect in me, waſhing me from the filth of ſin, and renew in me the Fruits of Righteouſneſs, that I may become a fit Member to live in thee, and dye in thee. *Amen.*

A Prayer after the Communion.

O GOD, I praiſe and bleſs thy Holy Name, for thine unſpeakable favour and loving-kindneſs, in feeding me at this time, with the Spiritual Food of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, whom thou vouchſafedſt to ſend for our Redemption, and to offer him up to Death for me, in remembrance whereof he hath commanded me to eat his Body, and drink his Blood, to the end, that by Faith I ſhould be united to him, and made a lively Member of his Myſtical Body, and being waſhed from all my ſins in his Blood, I ſhould lead a new life in all Obedience, Holineſs and righteouſneſs.

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VOUCHSAFE, I humbly beſeech thee for his ſake, to endue me with thy holy Spirit, that by caſting away the works of darkneſs, I may walk in the true light of thy holy Spirit, and ever remain in the number of thy Holy and Elect Children; give me an earneſt deſire to partake often of this Holy Inſtitution, and to lead my life according to thy holy Will in all things, keeping my Body and Soul unſpotted and undefiled, as fit receptacles of ſo heavenly Food, that my Soul may be partaker of the Myſteries thereof by faith in Chriſt Jeſus.

AND now Glory be to God on high, on Earth Peace and Eternal Conſolation in my Conſcience; I am fed now with thy Body, and my heart is refreſhed with the Cup of the New Teſtament in thy Blood: Now I am a Member of thy Myſtical Body, Fleſh of thy Fleſh, and Bone of thy Bone. Lord let nothing be ever able to ſeparate me from thee, but ſince all things work for the good of thy Choſen, let all things more and more unite me to thee, that I may grow from Grace to Grace, and Strength to Strength, till I come to the full meaſure of thy perfect Age, and not be refuſed by thee, who haſt given thy ſelf for me, and unto me. *Amen.*

A Prayer before hearing the Word.

O LORD, Illuminate my dark understanding, to receive thy Word, and prudently retain it; give me Grace that the Seed of thy Word being ſown in my heart, it may take deep root downward, and bring forth Fruit upward, to the Credit of thy Goſpel, the Comfort of my poor Soul; and above all to the Glory of thy moſt holy Name. Let thy Spirit rule and guide the Lips of thy Miniſter, that he may utter nothing but the Word of Truth, with that fervency, that neither fear nor affection may ſtop the current of the ſame.

AND becauſe the Harveſt is great, and the Labourers but few, I beſeech thee, who art Lord of the Harveſt, to ſend forth ſuch into thy Vineyard, as may with a zeal diſcharge their Miniſterial Function; let thy *Urim* be upon them, as upon thy holy ones, that ſincerity of Doctrine, and integrity of Converſation, may adorn their Perſons. Lord, guide the Heart and Tongue of him whom I ſhall hear this day, grant he may ſpeak home to my Conſcience, and leave no Corruption unbowelled, but that his Words

Words may chaſe away all ſinful affections from me, whereby I may depart from all Iniquity.

BLESS all thy people, and grant that they may be not only hearers of thy Word, but doers of the ſame, not deceiving their own Souls; and grant that thy Meſſengers dividing the Word aright, and thy people keeping it carefully, and practiſing it conſcionably, they may through Jeſus Chriſt, obtain the remiſſion of their ſins paſt, and receive thy Grace for the time to come. Give them Light inſtead of Darkneſs, Peace for Trouble, and Eternal Happineſs inſtead of Felicity, that taſting the Sweetneſs of Cœleſtial Comfort, they may deſpiſe Terreſtrial, and after this Life is ended, they may enter into Everlaſting Glory, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer after hearing the Word.

MOST Gracious God, of thy bountiful Goodneſs, thou haſt, through thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, made known, for my inſtruction and unſpeakable comfort, the glorious Goſpel, thy Word of Truth, which none can learn but by hearing, and

and none can hear but by preaching; and none can preach except they be ſent; to this end, give me thy Grace, I humbly beſeech thee, that as I have heard thy word at this time by thy Miniſter and Meſſenger, ſo grant, that I and all that have heard, may know, underſtand the ſame, retain and practice it, according to thy Heavenly Will, that I may thereby grow in knowledge, increaſe in Grace, and be a lively inſtrument of thy Glory unto my lives end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Neceſſary Bleſſings of this Life.

O LORD, thou haſt promiſed never to fail thoſe that depend upon thee; thou openeſt thine hands, and filleſt all things living with plenteouſneſs, never ſuffering any of thine to periſh, that carefully ſeek relief from thy moſt gracious bounty: I humbly beſeech thee permit me not to want neceſſaries for this preſent Life; enable me to live without diſtracting cares; to this end bleſs my labours, that I may have a ſufficiency for me, and mine, and not be burdenſome unto any, but rather be

be able to adminiſter unto others, whatſoever refreſhing Comforts they ſhall ſtand in need of.

GIVE me neither Poverty, nor Riches, but feed me with Food convenient for me; leſt I be full and deny thee, and ſay; who is the Lord: or leſt I be poor and Steal, and take the name of my God in vain; afford me ſuch a portion of Health and Wealth, as thou in thy Divine Wiſdom ſhalt think moſt convenient for me; ſuccour all ſuch as be in want, relieve the oppreſſed, comfort the Afflicted, raiſe the lowly, and aid the needy.

AND O Lord, I humbly beſeech thee, never let me want thy favourable aſſiſtance, but bleſs my Basket, and encreaſe my Store, with thy never failing bleſſings, that I may be able to live in thy Faith, Fear, and Love, and out of the Depth of miſery, and danger of all Men through Jeſus Chriſt my only Lord, and Saviour, *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for Gods benefits.

O GOD Almighty, the giver of all good things, thou art my ſtay, my Comfort

Comfort and only Guide, direct me, I pray thee, to employ that Talent which thou haſt allotted me, for the advancement of thy Glory: Lord thou haſt been abundantly gracious, and bountiful unto me, and haſt bleſt my Store, inſomuch that I have not only what ſatisfieth my own occaſions, but have alſo ſufficient to Relieve others in the time of their neceſſity

GIVE me therefore a free Heart, to caſt my Bread upon the Waters; and to Relieve my poor diſtreſſed Brethren, according to the utmoſt of my ability; to feed the hungry, to cloath the Naked, and miniſter unto thy diſtreſſed Saints that I may live unto my ſelf, but for the help of all thoſe that want my aſſiſtance, that I may lay up in Store a good foundation againſt the time to come, and be found of thee in Peace, enjoying Life, and Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt, *Amen.*

A Prayer for Wiſdom.

O MOST great and glorious Lord God, I confeſs that whilſt I bear about me this Body of ſin, impriſoning the Soul

Soul, my Nature corrupted and depraved with Iniquity, original and actual, ſeeks by all means poſſible to oppoſe the Spirit, and do thoſe things which are diſſonant and contrary to the motions, inſpirations, gracious influences, and working thereof: my Fleſh luſteth againſt the Spirit, ſo that the things I would do, I cannot, and the things which I ſuppoſe to be done in much knowledge and wiſdom, will be found not only ignorant and erroneous, but ſinful wickedneſs in thy ſight.

WHEREFORE I humbly beſeech thee, O holy Father, to ſend out thy Light and Truth, thy Spirit of Wiſdom and Revelation, to Teach and Inſtruct me, to be my God and Guide, to lead me into all Truth. Lord ſend down that Wiſdom that waiteth about thy Throne, and plant the ſame in my Heart, that all my ſayings and doings, being always ordered by this Wiſdom from on high, I may do that which is pleaſing in thy ſight, and profitable for my own Salvation, and ſhun the Contrary in all things, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for Defence againſt our Enemies.

O LORD my God, be not far from me in trouble, and in all dangers Ghoſtly and Bodily, draw near and make haſte to help me, I am, I confeſs, a moſt ſinful Creature, and have juſtly deſerved thy Wrath and Indignation againſt me, yet, O Lord, for thy mercy ſake, turn thee unto me, and have compaſſion on me; let mine Enemies prevail not in their miſchievous devices, leſt they be too proud; in thy Mercy convert them, or in thy Juſtice confound them; make them as ſtubble before the Wind, and thine Angel ſcattering them.

LORD, I am in thy hand, and they are within the compaſs of thy power; ſtay and allay their fury, let them not take effect in their wicked Imaginations and Attempts againſt me, but put them to confuſion; rid me, and deliver me in thy Righteouſneſs; and be thou a Sun and a Shield unto me, to comfort and protect me.

TO this end cauſe thine Angels to pitch their Tents round about me, that being defended under the ſhadow of thy Wings, and armed with the power of thy

thy Might, I may not fear what Man can do unto me. Lord, regard me with the eye of thy Grace, and guard me with the hand of thy power, that being preſerved both in Soul and Body, I may live in Piety, Peace and Godlineſs, unto my lives end. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer for a Family.

O ETERNAL, and All-ſeeing God, wonderful in thy Majeſty, and Infinite in thy Mercy, who haſt the Heavens for thy Throne, and the Earth for thy Footſtool; the Heavens are full of the Majeſty of thy Glory, and cannot contain the ſame; look down therefore from thence upon us thy Servants, who now proſtrate our ſelves before the Footſtool of thy Throne of Grace, humbly beſeeching thee, for thy dear Sons ſake, to be merciful unto us miſerable ſinners; one deep calleth upon another, the depth of Miſery unto the depth of Mercy, have Mercy therefore upon us, O Lord, and in the multitude of thy Mercies do away all our Offences.

WE confeſs we are not worthy to think of thee, much leſs ſpeak unto thee, we

we being ſo vile and miſerable, thou ſo glorious and admirable; yet being aſſured, that in forgiving of Sins, and helping afflicted Souls, thy fountain of Mercy is never dryed up; we thine unprofitable Servants are emboldned to preſent our ſelves this Morning before thee, to offer up unto thee a lively Sacrifice of Prayer and thankſgiving, who didſt offer up thy Son upon the Croſs to be a propitiation for our Sins: O let this lifting up of our hearts and hands be a morning Sacrifice pure, and acceptable in thy ſight: Let not the greatneſs of our Sins, with-hold thy implored Mercy, but waſh us from all uncleanneſs and remove thy judgments due unto us for them, as far from thy preſence, as the Eaſt is from the Weſt.

O, BURY them in the Grave with Chriſt, raiſe us us up by the power of thy Spirit unto newneſs of Life, that we may walk in all holy obedience before thee this day, and that endeavouring to keep our Faith and a good Conſcience void of offence, we may now, and in the hour of Death be, and remain alwayes thine, Defend us from all evil, and fence us againſt the aſſaults of Satan, watch over us by the Eye of thy good providence

providence, and cauſe thy Angels to pitch their Tents about us for our ſafety and continual preſervation.

INTO thy hands, we now commit our Souls and Bodies, guide our Thoughts, Words, and Actions, and if we forget thee, our God at any time, O! do thou in mercy remember us, and forgive us our treſpaſſes; make us to ſee our Sins in the glaſs of thy Law, to mourn for them in the Cloſet of our hearts, and confeſs them in the bitterneſs of our Souls, teach us to caſt off the rags of Iniquity, and by Faith put on the Robes of Righteouſneſs: Help us to manage the Sword of the Spirit, and the Helmet of Salvation, that we may be able to fight againſt the Wiles of the Devil, the vanities of the World, the Luſts of the Fleſh, and the pride of Life.

BE favourable to *Sion*, build up the walls of *Jeruſalem*, more particularly, preſerve and enlarge theſe Churches of great *Britain* and *Ireland*; feed them as thy Flock and Family: Dreſs them, as thy Vineyard, and adorn them as thy Spoule: Defend our Soveraign Lord and Lady, King *William*, and Queen *Mary* from all Enemies, at home, and abroad, preſerve their Bodies in Health, their

the Hearts and Souls in ſoundneſs and truth, their lives in honour, and their honour from underminers. Bleſs *Katherine* the Queen Dowager, her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Ann* of *Denmark*, with the reſt of the Royal Family. Bleſs thoſe which rule in Church and State, all Schools of good Education and ſound Learning, all thy Miniſters and Magiſtrates, with all our Relations in the Fleſh, and Friends in the Spirit, to whom thou haſt any ways made us bounden. O Lord, enable us to requite them, or lay it on thine own account to reſtore it unto them, and their Poſterities.

And here we yield thee all laud and praiſe, for Creating us when we were nothing, for Predeſtinating us unto the Adoption, and chooſing us in Chriſt before the foundation of the World. We thank thee for our Preſervation this Night paſt, and for bringing of us this day to behold thy glorious light. Lord, awake our Souls from Sin, and Carnal Security, that we may be prepared like wiſe Virgins, with Oyl in our Lamps, to meet the ſweet Bridegroom of our Souls, whether at the hour of Death, or the Day of Judgment. Theſe and all other Graces, which for blindneſs,

we cannot, and for our unworthineſs we dare not ask, we beſeech thee to give us for the worthineſs of thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, in whoſe moſt holy Name and Words, we conclude theſe our imperfect Prayers, in that moſt perfect Form of Prayer, which he himſelf hath further taught us in his holy Goſpel, ſaying, *Our Father*, &c.

A Collect for the Day.

LORD bleſs us, and make thy Face to ſhine upon us; keep us from Sin and Satan, ſickneſs and ſorrow, ſhame and ſervitude, loſs of Goods and good Names, or of any thing more near and dear unto us, if it be thy good pleaſure, preſerve us evermore in thy Faith and holy Fear, guide us conſtantly by thy Counſel, and after that receive us to Glory. *Amen.*

An Evening Prayer for a Family.

O GOD, the God of the Spirits of all Fleſh, the high and lofty one that Inhabiteſt Eternity, who haſt made the Earth

Earth by thy power, Eſtabliſh'd the World by thy Wiſdom, and ſtretched out the Heavens by thy diſcretion; the Father of Eternity, and Fountain of Mercy, the giver of all good things, the forgiver of all ſins, and the comforter of all ſuch as fly unto thee. Lord, we are here preſent before thee, be thou preſent with us, and Preſident amongſt us; we appeal from the Seat of thy Juſtice, to the Throne of thy Mercy, beſeeching thee to give us a ſenſe of our own Miſeries, and an aſſurance of thy Mercies; let us not be poſſeſs'd with over-much fear, but that with a holy confidence of thy goodneſs, we may with joy appear in thy preſence, in an humble acknowledgment of our ſins.

TO this end, we confeſs that we have ſinned againſt Heaven and before thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy Children; we have tranſgreſſed thy holy Laws and Commandments, not only by our Thoughts and Words, but by our Deeds and Actions; our Iniquities are more in number than the hairs of our Head, and make us ſeem vile in our own Eyes, but much more in thy ſight. Lord, unto thee we confeſs our ſins, O grant us Pardon and Abſolution for

them; open unto us Penitents, that ever ſtreaming Fountain of thy Sons Blood, that our ſins being Bathed therein, we may appear without blemiſh in thy ſight; by his Death mortifie our ſinful Corruptions, hide them in his Wounds, and bury them in his Grave, that they may neither riſe in this life to ſhame us, nor in the World to come to condemn us.

GIVE us thy Holy Spirit, let him purge our Conſciences, heal our Corruptions, illuminate our Underſtandings, confirm our Memories, and conſecrate our Souls and Bodies, that they may be fit Temples for thy holy Ghoſt to dwell in. Be merciful to thy Church, and enlarge her borders; ſhower down the choiceſt of thy bleſſings upon the heads and hearts of thy Servants, our Soveraign Lord and Lady, King *William* and Queen *Mary*, bleſs them with length of days here, and with a Crown of Glory hereafter; bleſs *Katherine* the Queen Dowager, her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Ann* of *Denmark*, with all the reſt of the Royal Family. Bleſs the Nobility, Gentry, Miniſtry, Magiſtracy and Commonalty, our Relations in the Fleſh, and Friends in the Spirit; protect all that ſtand up for thy Truth, but as for thy Foes,

Foes, let them be aſhamed and confounded.

AND now ſeeing thou haſt brought the Night upon us, wherein thou haſt ordained man to reſt in, we humbly beſeech thee, who art the Keeper of *Iſrael*, who never ſlumbereſt nor ſleepeſt, to watch over us by thy Providence; cauſe thy holy Angels to pitch their Tents round about us, that being freed from the terrors of the Night, and refreſhed with moderate reſt and ſleep, we may the better be enabled to praiſe thy Name, and to walk before thee in all good Works, and Holineſs of Converſation, all the days of our lives. Let our Bed, O Lord, put us in mind of our Grave, and our riſing from thence of our Reſurrection, that whether we wake or ſleep, we may be always thine.

AND knowing that thy Name, O Lord, is a ſtrong Tower of Defence, we here commend our ſelves this Night, to thy moſt holy protection: if it be thy Divine Will to call any of us hence in our ſleep, O Lord, for thy Sons ſake, have mercy upon us, and receive our Souls into thy moſt bleſſed Kingdom; but if it be thy heavenly pleaſure to add more days unto our lives, add more

amendment unto our days, that living we may live in thy Fear, and dying we may dye in thy Favour, and in the end, Reign with thee in Glory. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Night.

INTO thy hands, O Father, we commend our Spirits, for thou haſt redeemed us, O thou God of Truth; into thy moſt merciful Tuition, and gracious Preſervation, do we commend our ſelves, our Souls and Bodies, our Relations, our Goods and good Names, all ours, and all that call upon thy Name. Lord, be thou preſent with them and us, and about our Beds, unto our lives end; let not our fantaſies be troubled with vain Imaginations, nor the Dreams and Viſions of our heads, like *Nebuchadnezzar's*, make us affraid, but give us quiet and comfortable reſt, that our Souls and Bodies being refreſhed, we may when we awake, laud and praiſe thee, and joyfully perform the buſineſs of the next day in our particular Callings.

LET our whole life be a ſerving and glorifying of thee, that we may live in thy Fear, dye in thy Favour, and reſt from

from all our Labours, and be bleſt with thy glorious Viſion, enjoying the preſence of our bleſſed Saviour, the comfort of thy holy Spirit, and the Communion of thy moſt holy Saints and Angels, that we, together with them may aſcribe unto thee the Glory of our Redemption from Sin, Satan, Hell, and Death, World without end. *Amen.*

Prayers for ſeveral Perſons.

The Husbands Prayer.

MOST gracious God, have Mercy upon me, and upon all thoſe which appertain unto me; in the beginning thou didſt Inſtitute Marriage, for the propagation of Mankind, a remedy to avoid unlawful Luſt, and for the mutual Comfort and Conſolation of thy Children; give me, O heavenly Father, I humbly beſeech thee, the aſſiſtance of thy Grace, that I may according to thy Commandments, love and cheriſh her whom thou haſt alotted for my help and comfort in this life.

MORTIFIE in me all fleſhly Luſts,

and let not the heat of unlawful Concupiſcence, take poſſeſſion of me, but grant that we may live in Peace and Unity, and equally praiſe thy Holy Name: [*If any Children*] Bleſs, O Lord, thoſe Children thou haſt beſtowed upon us, give us underſtanding hearts and minds, to bring them up in thy Faith and Fear, and give them obedient hearts to thee, and to all thy Commandments; grant that they may not prove a Curſe but a Bleſſing to us, and thereby attain that reward which thou haſt promiſed to thoſe which honour and obey their Parents.

TEACH me, O Lord, to Govern and Inſtruct my Family, whereby they may walk in thy Fear; and grant that I may, according to my ability, provide what is neceſſary as well for their Bodies as their Souls: And do thou, O Lord, endue them with thy Grace, that they may perform their Duties, in Fear and Obedience, not with Eye-ſervice, but in ſingleneſs of Heart, as in thy preſence. Give me, O Lord, I beſeech thee a competency to maintain that which thou haſt committed to my Charge, and grant that we may in all humility rely upon thy bleſſed Will, who knoweſt what is fitter

fitter for us than we do for our ſelves To whom be all Honour and Glory. *Amen.*

The Wives Prayer.

O LORD, I give thee humble thanks for calling me to the Honourable State of Matrimony; give me, O Lord, thy heavenly Grace, that I may fear thee, and love, reverence, and obey him whom thou haſt appointed to be my head in all good things, to live peaceably and quietly with him; ſuffer me not to be puſt up with the Vanities of the World, but grant that I may frame my mind and habit ſuitable to the Eſtate of my Husband, and adorn my ſelf with that which may become a Modeſt Woman to wear. Aſſiſt me, O Lord, that I may with his Conſent, prudently, and with diſcretion, Govern his Family, and carefully mind that nothing be waſted, nor permit any evil to be committed in his Houſe.

FURNISH me, O Lord, with thoſe Gifts and Graces which the Royal Preacher deſcribed in a good Woman, and endue me with ſuch a Care in the Educa-

tion of my Children, as belongeth unto my part to perform, that I may live and rejoyce to ſee the proſperity of them in this life, and after this life is ended, grant that we all may be received to thy eternal Kingdom, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Childs Prayer.

MOST gracious God, to whom the Childs Obedience to the Parents is always acceptable, but their diſobedience moſt diſpleaſing, I humbly beſeech thee to remove far from me the horrid ſin of Diſobedience and Rebellion againſt my Parents; O give me Grace to obſerve them with all diligence in Duty, obey them in all lawful Commands, and aid and aſſiſt them in all their Neceſſities; give me Grace to receive all their reproofs patiently, and not to perplex them by Stubbornneſs and bad Courſes.

SUFFER me not to ſcoff or deride at their Age or Infirmity, but rather ſupply their Wants, and cover their Weakneſſes. Forgive, O Lord, the many offences I have committed againſt them, increaſe their days, and preſerve them ſound in Body

Body and Mind; let them see their Childrens Children, to their Comfort and thy Glory; let them Govern me, and the rest of their Family, with Prudence and good Example, that when this life is ended, they may depart hence in peace, and come to thy Kingdom unspotted, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Widows Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to be a Father to the Fatherless, and a Husband to the Widow, let thy tender Eye of Compassion look down upon me, and my Children; preserve me and them from all Oppression and Wrong, and relieve us, we beseech thee, in all our Neceffities.

BLESS, O Lord, that small portion thou hast lent me, for a competent maintenance of me and mine, O let it be like the Widows Barrel of Meal, never to waste, and like the Cruse of Oyl, never to fail. Dispose our hearts to all Obedience, and give us Grace to walk worthy of thee, and thy Mercies which we daily and hourely receive. And lastly, in all our Afflictions, let me put my whole

whole truſt and confidence in thee, and praiſe thy Name for evermore. *Amen.*

The Orphans Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful Father, thou haſt promiſed that when my Father and my Mother forſaketh me, thou O God, wilt take me up. O Lord, I am now, by thy appointment, deprived of my Parents, who under thee, were the only ſtay I had in this World. Be thou, O Lord my God, my Father and my Deliverer, teach me to ſeek thee early, and endue me with thy Grace, that I may be obedient to thoſe whom thou art pleaſed to place over me.

MAKE me to remember thee my Creator in the days of my Youth, that I may lead my life according to the rule of true Godlineſs; Govern and Guide, I beſeech thee, all my Actions, preſerve my Body in health, and my Soul from all evil thoughts which may moleſt it; add unto me length of Days, Grace and Vertue, and Guide my Feet in the way of peace. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer for a Young Man or Maid.

MOST Gracious God, vouchſafe to me thy Heavenly Grace now and at all times; more eſpecially in this moſt dangerous part of my Life, when the heat of youth, and many temptations do ſurround me; O preſerve me, I beſeech thee, as the apple of thine Eye, and though the fleſh ſtrives againſt the Spirit, yet do thou exerciſe thy power and ſtrengthen my imbecillity: Stifle Sin in me at the beginning, that it ariſe not up to a habit, and prevent in me all evil and unworthy thoughts againſt thy Divine Majeſty.

O LORD I recommend unto thee my Soul as a Child that can of it ſelf do nothing; defend me from all Enemies Spiritual and Temporal, keep my Soul, and Body, pure, chaſt, and undefiled, that I offend not either in thought, word, or Deed: Give me grace, O Lord, to obey my Parents, and thoſe to whoſe tuition I am committed; and grant that if thou ſhalt be pleaſed to call me to the honourable eſtate of Matrimony, I may be joyned with one, with whom

whom I may ſerve thee, in peace and holineſs, all the days of my Life. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Servant.

O HOLY, and bleſſed Lord God, who tookeſt upon thee, the form of a Servant, and waſt obedient unto death, even the death of the Croſs, that thou mighteſt work the Salvation of all people, as well bond as free; thou haſt been pleaſed to call me to the State and Condition of a Servant, below many others in the world, O make me humbly ſubmit to it, and alwayes praiſe and magnifie thy Holy Name that thou haſt given me Health and ſtrength of Body to perform my Duty.

LORD caſt forth all murmurings and repinings in me, and all Envy at the proſperity of others; Endue me with meekneſs and humility, and deliver me from the ſlavery of Sin, that I may be made a Servant of Righteouſneſs; teach me to underſtand my duty, and to reverence thoſe whom I ſerve, accounting them worthy of that honour which appertains to them: Preſerve me from Pride, unſeemly paſſions, or diſreſpect-

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full behaviour towards my Superiors; quicken my diligence in buſineſs, and grant that whatever I ſhall take in hand, I may not do it with *Eye Service*, but in *ſingleneſs* of heart; and obtain thy Grace and Favour for Evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the fruits of the Earth.

MOST gracious God, thy Works are to be wondred at through the World; thou makeſt the graſs to grow for the Cattel, and Herb for the ſervice of Man: Thou bringeſt forth food out of the Earth, and bleſſeſt the encreaſe of it: Look down O Lord, I beſeech thee, upon all the dwellers upon earth wherein we inhabit: That our Land may become fruitful, and yield forth plenty in its proper Seaſon.

AND O thou, who openeſt thy hand, and filleſt all things Living with good things; fill our hearts with wiſdom, and all Chriſtian vertues, that we may bring forth abundantly the fruit of good works, to the honour and glory of thy holy Name: And as thou Crowneſt the Year with thy goodneſs, and thy Clouds drop

drop fatneſs: So grant that we may evermore praiſe thee for all thy Mercies, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, to whom be aſcribed all honour, power and glory, now, and forever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for ſeaſonable Weather.

O LORD God, who for our ſins art juſtly diſpleaſed at us, and doſt now chaſtiſe us by keeping back thy rain from watering the Earth; whereby we are in danger of looſing the diligent labour of our hands: Pardon, O Lord we humbly beſeech our thee High provocations, and accept of our hearty and true Repentance, and favourably and Mercifully forgive all our tranſgreſſions committed againſt thee.

SHOWER down again thy bleſſings of Rain upon the Earth, and water it, O Lord, that it may be ſoftned and repleniſhed: But let not immoderately the Floods overflow us, nor the Seed be ſpoiled under the Clod: But let thy loving kindneſs renew the face of the Earth, and make the green Paſtures rejoyce: Hearken unto the Cry of the Poor

Poor and Needy, and though we eat our Bread in the ſweat of our Face, yet puniſh us not with the Scarcity of it, which is the Staff and ſupport of our Lives: Lord proſper all our labours, and let us with moderation enjoy the fruit of it, this we beg for thy Sons ſake our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a good Harveſt.

WE Bleſs and praiſe thy holy Name O Lord, for ſending us Rain from Heaven, and fruitful Seaſons, whereby thou haſt filled our hearts with Food and gladneſs: Thou haſt made the Graſs to grow upon the Mountains, and given Food to the Beaſts of the Field, and haſt filled us with the fineſt of the Wheat flower, thou haſt given Seed to the Sower, and Bread to the Eater, and haſt loaded the Earth with thy bounty, that our Barns might be filled.

BLESSED for ever art thou O Lord, and magnified be thy Name for theſe and all other thy benefits which thou from time to time haſt beſtowed upon us; O that our hearts may overflow with love, and our Tongues with expreſſions of thankfulneſs

neſs to thee ; grant that we may never forget nor abuſe thy loving kindneſs towards us, but by a ſober and charitable uſe of theſe thy Mercies, we may be made fit for a continual ſupply of them, and at the laſt be made heirs of thy glorious Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Woman with Child.

O GOD, the Creatour and preſerver of all things, who in the beginning didſt place mankind in unſpeakable happineſs, and had there continued had not our firſt Parents broke thy Divine precepts given them in Paradiſe: So that the Earth for their ſakes was accurſed ; and unto us the Daughters of *Eve* for our tranſgreſſions thou haſt alotted moſt grievous pains and torments of Body in bringing forth Children.

LORD extend unto me, and to all Women thy Mercy, mitigate the torments thereof, that we may be able patiently to endure the pains of our travel at the hour appointed : And make that eaſie and light to us, which our defects have made heavy and burdenſome ; and that wherewith I am now laden

laden, may graciouſly be delivered from my frail Body; and ſend us all, good Lord, a ſafe deliverance, that we may be made joyful and happy Mothers.

VOUCHSAFE unto me and to all that have conceived with child ſtrength to bring forth that which thine Omnipotency hath ſo wonderfully wrought in us, in our greateſt perils, O Lord help us, and mightily deliver us; let thy power, might, and Love, be no leſs manifeſt in the delivery, then in the forming of this Creature, that being through thy goodneſs, made a joyful Mother, I may obtain my perfect ſtrength again, and live to praiſe thee for evermore, *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Woman near the time of her Travel.

O GOD moſt holy, the ſpeedy helper of all thoſe who relie upon thee, by thy Almighty power I was formed, and faſhioned in the Womb, by thy tender care I was brought from thence, and by thy Merciful Providence, I have been preſerved even to this moment; I laud and magnifie thy holy Name, and implore thy never failing aid in this approaching

proaching time of my neceſſity: O be not far off from me when trouble is nigh at hand, but hear my voice and ſave me when I call upon thee! mitigate my pains, or endue me with patience; and ſupport my Spirits in that great conflict.

LORD perfect what thou haſt begun, and what thou haſt wrought in ſecret bring forth I beſeech thee into thy moſt marvellous light; that we may all behold the wonders of thy Wiſdom and extol thy power: O Lord in thee alone do I humbly place my Confidence, for thou haſt redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth; *I* wholly reſign my ſelf unto thee, beſeeching thee to have Mercy upon me, and when ever thou ſhalt be pleaſed to call me from this Life, Lord fit me for a better, where all ſorrows and tears ſhall be done away, and everlaſting joyes poſſeſs our hearts for evermore. *Amen.*

The Midwives Prayer before Deliverance.

MOST gracious God, who by thy never failing providence haſt kept me even from my Mothers Womb to this moment, and haſt now deputed me the

the unworthieſt of all thy Servants to this great Office, for a help and comfort, in that great pain and peril of Child-birth: Be with me, O Lord, I beſeech thee, and aſſiſt me in this great work, which I am now ready to undertake; proſper thou, O Lord, the work of my hands, O proſper I beſeech thee, my handy work.

O PUT thy fear into my heart, that I may be as ſincere to the Poor as to the Rich, to ſave life and not to deſtroy, let me not be too timerous, nor too violent, but endue me with thoſe vertues and graces, which thou knoweſt moſt convenient for me, and give a Bleſſing to this undertaking, preſerve me I humbly beſeech thee, in the dangerous times, from contagion, infection, or any bodily Diſeaſes, which may be received from ſick Perſons.

AND as thou haſt by thy Almighty Power made her Conceive, and haſt now even brought it to the Birth, ſo give her ſtrength alſo to bring forth: Support her Spirits in her labour, bleſs the endeavours of thoſe who are preſent with her, preſerve the life of that which ſtruggles in her Womb to be delivered: And let us behold the operation of thy hands

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to all our Joy and Comfort: Lord hear our Prayers, and let our cry come unto thee; ſave her, and help her, we humbly beſeech thee, O Lord. *Our Father*, &c.

A Thanksgiving after Deliverance.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleaſed thee, O Almighty God, of thy gracious Goodneſs, to eaſe me of my pains, and deliver me of my burden, and from the great danger and peril of Child-birth, I here humbly proſtrate my Soul and Body before thee, to be unto thee a reaſonable, lively, and living Sacrifice, Holy and acceptable in thy ſight, giving thy Divine Majeſty infinite and unfeigned thanks for this thy gracious preſervation of me, and delivering me out of this great danger of Death, under which I might have periſhed, had not thy mercy and goodneſs embraced me on every ſide.

TO thee alone, moſt heavenly Father, be given and aſcribed all Praiſe and Thankſgiving, now and for ever; as thou haſt been graciouſly pleaſed to give me a Child, ſo Lord, give me thy Grace which is ſufficient for me, to devote

vote and consecrate it wholly to thee, and thy service; to this end work mightily in it, by thy holy Spirit sanctifie it from the Womb, not only whilst it hangs upon the Breasts, but so long as it shall breathe in the Land of the Living, until thou translate it hence to Reign with thee in Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one near any Temptation.

O MERCIFUL God, thou exercisest thy Children with sundry Trials and Temptations, leaving them to themselves, as thou didst *Hezekiah*, to the end he might see his frailty; some like St. *Peter*, thou exposest to the boysterous Winds of Satans Winnowings; and others, like St. *Paul* to the blows of the Adversaries vehement Buffetings; O God, thine only Son thou didst not exempt from Satans sharpest and stoutest Trials, when thou conductedst him into the Wilderness to be tempted of the Devil.

IF thou, O Lord, should'st permit me in like manner to be tried and tempted, suffer me not at any time to be overcome, but hold me up by thy Almighty

mighty power, animate by the preſence of thy bleſſed Spirit, and let thy Grace be ever ſufficient for me, whereby I may foil my Enemy, and in the end get the Victory; detect his Policies, diſcover his Subtilties, defeat his doings and dealings which are againſt me; to this end endue me with ſuch Wiſdom, as may make me foreſee his Stratagems, ſuch vigilancy as I may avoid his Snares, which he prepares for my Souls deſtruction.

LET no Temptation take me, but what is common to Man, try me not above my ſtrength, but with the temptation make me a way to eſcape; let me never yield to the motions of Satan, ſuggeſting unto me Death or Deſperation, but grant me patience to expect the hour of my Departure, my Souls Separation, the diſſolution of my Body, and deliverance from the miſery of this wretched World; let my trouble be without diſtreſs, my perplexity without deſpair, my perſecution without forſaking, and my caſting down without deſtruction; if Tears fall from my Eyes, in thy good time wipe them away, and preſerve them in thy Bottle, that they may be precious in thy ſight.

O LORD

O LORD, if thou leaveſt me for a while, draw nigh again unto me in great Compaſſion; cover my head in my Spiritual Conflicts; let thy Love be my Banner, thy Faithfulneſs and Truth, my Shield and Buckler; let no trial ſurprize me, but give me a right Judgment that I may count it all Joy when I fall into divers Temptations; O let not my heart be hardned by them, as the *Iſraelites* were who provoked thee in the Wilderneſs, but ſanctifie all thy viſitations unto me, that I may be better'd and reformed by them, that my Faith being tryed, patience may have her perfect work in me intire, lacking nothing.

I KNOW, O Lord, in all thy Temptations thou ever haſt one end, and Satan another; thou trieſt me to the end, that being faithful, thou mighteſt give me a Crown of Life, but Satan ſeeks to ſeduce me to Wickedneſs; but O Holy Spirit, thou preſerver of all Men, keep me by thy Grace, and ſtrengthen me by thy Power, be preſent with me, and preſident in me, and as thy ſufferings abound in me, ſo let thy conſolation much more abound; and in the midſt of my greateſt Agonies of Mind, let thy Comforts refreſh my diſquieted Soul.

LORD Let thy mighty Hand, and ſtretched-out-Arm, be now and alwayes my Defence, thy Mercy and loving-kindneſs in Chriſt Jeſus thy dear Son, my Salvation, thy true and Holy Word my Inſtruction, thy Grace and holy Spirit, my Comfort and Conſolation.

THE peace of God which paſſeth all Underſtanding, keep my Heart and Mind in the love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; and the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, be with me, and remain with me and mine, and with the whole Church of God, from this time forth, and for evermore.

GOD be merciful unto me, and bleſs me, the Lord lift up the light of his Countenance upon me, and be merciful unto me, and grant me his Everlaſting peace. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one afflicted in Mind.

O FATHER of Mercy, and God of all Conſolation, vouchſafe I beſeech thee, relief and ſuccour unto me a wretched Sinner, who am much tormented in Mind, and afflicted in Conſcience;

ſcience ; Lord, I am afraid of thy Judgments, and the ſevere Threatnings written in thy Law againſt thoſe ſins I have committed, but, O Lord, break not the bruiſed Reed, nor quench the ſmoaking Flax ; wound not my humble and contrite Heart, but revive my Spirit that goes mourning all the day long ; though Satan thinks thou haſt ſmitten and forſaken me, yet fruſtrate his hopes and expectations ; leave me not deſtitute of thy Grace, as a Prey unto the Enemy of my Soul, but mightily preſerve, and evermore defend me.

A N D though my Conſcience accuſes me, my Memory witneſſes againſt me, and my Reaſon condemns me ; though I am overwhelmed in diſcomfort, and have loſt the voice of joy and gladneſs, and have neither worth to appeaſe thy wrath, nor patience to endure thy tryal, yet ſend me, O Lord, the comfort of thy Holy Spirit into my heart, that I may not be ſwallowed up with overmuch heavineſs, but may rejoyce in thee with joy unſpeakable and full of Glory : Open, and ſet open the Gate of thy Mercy, to the greatneſs of my Miſery, for my mind is ſorrowful, my heart heavy, my ſpirit is oppreſſed, my

words are ſtopt with ſighs, and my complaints watered with Tears.

IN executing thy Judgments, Lord, remember Mercy, try me not, leaſt I be condemned; weigh not my offences, but pardon my offences; ſanctifie all thoſe means unto me which may afford me relief, as Prayer, Conference, Meditation, reading and hearing of thy Word, and receiving the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of thy Son, and my alone Saviour and Redeemer; mitigate my extremities, abate my fears, and moderate my afflictions; let not Night Viſions, like *Nebuchadnezzar*'s, make me afraid, but when I awake, ſtay me with Flaggons, and comfort me with Apples, thy precious promiſes, which are pleaſant to the Soul.

RECTIFIE my Underſtanding as in the days of Old, and drink no longer unto me in the Cup of Affliction, but in the Chalice of refreſhing, that I may pay my Vows unto thee, and call upon thy Name, in the ſight of all thy Congregation; but if it be thy good pleaſure to try me, and not take away this Cup from me, confirm my Faith, and continue unto me that Hope which is to be revealed; to this end, cauſe me with the

the Eye of Faith to look up to thee, who chastisest me, and wait for the appointed time of my delivery out of all my Troubles.

LORD, Suffer me not to be swallowed up with despair, but vouchsafe me a full assurance of thy Mercy, that thou wilt never leave me, nor forsake me, but wilt be in life my God, in Death my Deliverer, and after Death my Eternal Rewarder. Lord hearken, and incline thine Ear unto these my Requests for thy Sons sake, my only Lord and Saviour, *Our Father*, &c.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the most comfortable Fellowship of God the Holy Ghost be with me, bless, preserve, and keep me, both in Soul and Body, in Goods and good Name, in Life, Health, Peace and Godliness, together with thy whole Church, and all that appertain unto me, now, and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be used in behalf of one troubled in Mind.

ALMIGHTY God, the only Guide and Comfort of our Souls, and to

whom alone we fly for ſuccour in all afflictions; O Lord, we preſume now to appear before thee in behalf of this thy afflicted Servant; Support him I beſeech thee, in his greateſt conflicts, ſilence and appeaſe his troubled Spirit, that he may quietly hearken to thy bleſſed Words of, *Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you reſt.*

THOU haſt ſolemnly proclaimed, O Lord, in thy Holy Scripture, that thou doſt not delight in the death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould turn from his Wickedneſs and live. O make him with joy feel his Soul turning to thee, ſince no ſatisfactory Comfort can be acquired but only in thy love and favour which to all thy Servants is better than life it ſelf: We beſeech thee, ſpeak peace to his Conſcience, and ſay unto him, and all that are here preſent, that thou art our Salvation.

ENDUE him with thy Grace, give him Peace of Conſcience, and joy in the Holy Ghoſt; O give him the Comfort of thy help again, and Eſtabliſh him with thy free Spirit; quicken him, O Lord, for thy Names ſake, and for thy Righteouſneſs ſake bring his Soul out of this trouble: Put gladneſs into his heart, and reſtore

reſtore him again if it be thy Bleſſed will, that he and we may evermore rejoyce in thee, who art the Father of all Mercies, and the God of all Conſolation, to whom be Glory and Praiſe now, and for Evermore. *Amen.*

Meditations for the Sick.

O GOD, thou doſt what thou pleaſeſt in Heaven and in Earth, in the Sea, and in all deep places; thou art full of Compaſſion and tender Mercy, long ſuffering, and aboundeſt in goodneſs and truth, thou alone forgiveſt Sins and ſaveſt all thoſe that truſt in thee, in time of affliction.

I KNOW that all Fleſh is Graſs, and all the goodlineſs thereof is as the flower of the field; the graſs withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of thee, our God, ſhall ſtand for ever: In thy word therefore, and gracious promiſes is my hope, which is my greateſt Comfort in my affliction.

IN the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy Comforts ſhall delight my Soul; I will rejoyce even in the midſt of my tribulation, and glory in

thy Holy Name, who makeſt all things work together for good to them that love thee: Though I walk through the vally of the ſhadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy ſtaff doth comfort me.

We are but of Yeſterday, and know nothing; becauſe our dayes upon Earth are as a ſhadow: When thou with rebukes doſt correct Man for iniquity, thou makeſt his beauty to conſume away like a Moth: Surely every Man is vanity; my time is in thy hand: Make thy face to ſhine upon thy Servant: Save me for thy Mercies ſake.

HIDE not thy face from me; put not thy Servant away in thine anger: Thou haſt been my help, leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my Salvation: Thou ſhalt ſhew me the Path of Life, in thy preſence is the fulneſs of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleaſures for evermore.

WE have had Fathers of the Fleſh, which corrected us, and we gave them Reverence, ſhall we not much rather be in Subjection to the Father of Spirits, and live: he draweth the mighty with his power; he riſeth up, and no Man is ſure of Life.

WE

WE have received good at the hands of God, and ſhall we not receive evil? Affliction cometh not forth of the duſt; neither doth Travail come forth of the Ground. Let us ſearch and try our wayes, and turn again to the Lord, for though our outward Man decay, our inward Man is renewed.

WE are chaitened of the Lord, that we ſhould not be condemned with the World: For we had the ſentence of death in our ſelves, that we ſhould not truſt in our ſelves, but in God that raiſed the dead, who hath delivered us from ſo great a death, and doth deliver: And in whom we truſt, that he will yet deliver us.

BUT we know that all things work together for good to them that love God: Let them that ſuffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their Souls to him in well-doing, as unto a Faithful Creator. We that are in this Tabernacle, do groan, being burdened.

I KNOW, O Lord, that thy judgments are juſt, and that thou of very faithfulneſs haſt cauſed me to be troubled. O let this light affliction, which will quickly paſs away, cauſe unto me afterward a more excellent and eternal weight of Glory.

REMEMBER, I beſeech thee, that thou haſt made me as the Clay, and wilt thou bring me into the Duſt again? Deliver me, O Lord, from Eternal Death, in that day wherein Heaven and Earth ſhall de diſſolved, when thou comeſt to judge the Earth, I know thou wilt bring me to Death, and to the Houſe appointed for all Living.

A Prayer to be uſed by a ſick Perſon.

O GOD, my Creator and Preſerver, thou haſt made me after thine own Image, in Knowledge, Holineſs, and Righteouſneſs, but I have ſinned, moſt Holy Father, againſt Heaven, and againſt thee, and am no more worthy to be called, or reckoned amongſt thy Children; for this Image of thine I have defaced, I have filled my Underſtanding with Ignorance, my Will with Stubbornneſs, my Affections with Perverſeneſs, my Heart with Deceitfulneſs, and my whole Life with Diſobedience; ever ſince I drew my Breath, I have drank Iniquity like Water, ſo that I can expect nothing but Death, and to be Arraigned

raigned at the Bar of thy Juſtice, there to receive an irrevocable Doom.

BUT O moſt merciful God, for thy dear Sons ſake, blot out all my Offences, and receive me Graciouſly; enlarge my patience to endure thy Tryal, and lay no more upon me than I am able to bear; give a happy iſſue unto all Temptations, and make a way for me to eſcape, and in the end, grant me a full Deliverance. As thou haſt made me of Duſt, ſo thou canſt take from me my breath, and caſt me forth again to that Earth from whence I was taken; but I humbly beſeech thee, for to ſpare me a little, that I may recover my health and ſtrength, before I go hence, and be no more ſeen.

I CONFESS, O Lord, there is no ſoundneſs in my Fleſh, becauſe of thy Diſpleaſure, nor any reſt in my Bones, by reaſon of my ſin; my heart panteth, my ſtrength faileth, and my beauty conſumeth away like a Moth fretting a Garment. O Lord, if it be thy Holy Will, eaſe my Agonies, mitigate my Extremities, be mindful of my Sorrows, and be merciful unto my Sins; redeem my Life from Deſtruction, ſtrengthen my Weakneſs, heal my Malady, and cauſe me

again

again to walk before thee, in the Land of the Living, but if thou haſt determined to call me hence, thy Will be done; grant me patience under my Correction, and a lively Faith in the All-ſufficient and Efficacious Merit of Chriſt my Saviour; ſeal unto me a free, and a full pardon of all my ſins, in the Blood of thy dear Son, and ſay unto my Soul, that thou wilt be my Salvation.

IN affiance of thy merciful Abſolution, cauſe me to confeſs mine Iniquities, and fill my heart with ſuch a Godly ſorrow, as may work my Repentance unto Salvation, never to be repented of; ſprinkle me with the Blood of Jeſus, and purifie me from my daily Pollutions, that being waſhed, juſtified, and ſanctified, I may be preſented unto thee, without ſpot or wrinkle; let nothing ſeparate me from the love of thee, grant me thy preſerving Grace, that dying, thine Angels may convey my Soul into *Abrahams* Boſom, there to reign with thee, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be ſaid by the Friends of the Sick.

O LORD, our God, and great Creator, thou madeſt us Innocent, but by ſin we have brought Death and Deſtruction upon our ſelves, for we have profaned thy Sabbaths, contemned thine Ordinances, caſt thy Word behind our backs, lived in all ſin and ſenſuality, Spiritual ſlumber and ſecurity, ſo that thou mightſt juſtly cut us off from the Land of the Living, and give us our Portion with Hypocrites, where there is weeping and gnaſhing of Teeth.

BUT, O Lord, for thy Mercy ſake, and for the Merits of thy Son ſpare us a little, and give us ſpace of amendment, before we go hence, and be no more ſeen; correct us in thy Mercy, and not in thy Juſtice, leſt we ſhould be conſumed and brought to nothing; whilſt we live, teach us to die daily, to mortifie the deeds of the Fleſh, and to contemn the World with the Vanities thereof; wean us from inordinate Self-love, that we may not endear our ſelves too much to theſe Tranſitory lives of ours, but may be ready and willing to depart, when it ſhall

ſhall ſtand with thy good pleaſure to call for us; take away from us the bitterneſs of Death, and ſweeten by the Croſs of Chriſt theſe Waters of *Marah*, that we may ſigh and lament in our ſelves, deſiring to be delivered from the Bondage of Corruption, into the Glorious Liberty of the Sons of God.

LET our lives, and the life of this thy ſick Servant, be now and ever precious in thy ſight, look mercifully upon him that is grieved with Sickneſs: Lord, if thou wilt, thou canſt make him whole, ſend him therefore help and health from thy holy place, and evermore mightily defend him; let the Enemy have no advantage againſt him, nor the Wicked approach to hurt him, but be thou preſent with him, ſtrengthen his Faith, increaſe his Patience under thy Correcting-hand, raiſe him up from his ſorrowful Bed, and if thou art pleaſed longer to exerciſe him, lend him ſtrength to endure thy Tryal

BUT if thou haſt determined to take him hence, Lord, certifie unto him how long he hath to live, make him to know his end, and the meaſure of his days, that by Prayer and Repentance, he may provide wiſely for his laſt end, and be found

found of thee in peace, and enjoy everlaſting happineſs; diſpoſe his Meditations aright for Mortality, and at that laſt hour, make him to deny himſelf in renouncing his Juſtification by any inherent worth or righteouſneſs, and in all ſorrows and ſufferings let thy comforts rejoyce his Soul.

TO this end, mortifie in him the Corruption of Nature, quicken him with the Soul of new life, and eſtabliſh him with thy free Spirit; purge his Heart from all worldly thoughts, and his mind from carnal deſires, motions and affections; waſh his Soul and Body with the Blood of Chriſt, and ſanctifie him throughout in Spirit, Soul and Body, with the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, that departing in the true Faith, not caſting away his confidence, nor hope of rejoycing, in full aſſurance of a bleſſed Reſurrection, he may have boldneſs in the day of the Lord Jeſus, and ſo paſs from Death to Life, and be ever with thee to behold thy Glory; grant this for the ſake of thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Another

Another Prayer to be uſed by thoſe that are about the Sick.

O LORD our God, thou art the Judge of all the Earth; we Duſt and Aſhes, vile and miſerable Sinners, do here in all humility caſt down our ſelves before thee for our Sins, which are the occaſion of all the evil of puniſhment thou inflicteſt on the Sons and Daughters of Men. Lord hear us, and forgive whatſoever is paſt, and grant that we may for ever hereafter, ſerve and pleaſe thee through newneſs of Life, walking before thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all our days; and becauſe the days are evil, give us Grace to redeem the time, that numbring our days aright, we may apply our hearts unto true Wiſdom; make us conſtantly to eſchew evil and do good, to ſeek peace and enſue it.

LOOK with thine Eye of Mercy and Compaſſion upon this thy Servant, who is grieved with Sickneſs; ſanctifie this thy Viſitation unto him, that thoſe Graces which thou haſt begun to work in him, may be ſtrengthned, increaſed, and by degrees perfected; reſtore unto him the voice of joy and health, that the Bones

Bones which thou haſt broken may rejoyce, and ſeeing we have need of patience, ſend this thy Servant ſuch a degree of patience and conſtancy, that he may continue thy faithful Soldier and Servant unto his lives end; work in him a ſenſe and feeling of ſin, and true ſorrow for the ſame, which may cauſe repentance unto Salvation never to be repented of.

O LORD, if it be not thy good pleaſure to raiſe him up from his Bed of languiſhing, prepare his heart for Death, and his Soul for Heaven, and waſh away his Sins in the Blood of Jeſus; wean his affections from the love of this World, and ſet them on thoſe things which are above, that being abſent from the Body, he may be preſent with thee, O Lord, Repair in this thy Servant thine own Image, and renew it in knowledge, holineſs, and righteouſneſs, that thou mayeſt acknowledge him for thine; raiſe him up from the Grave unto the Reſurrection of Life, and for ever ſatisfie him with thy likeneſs, and transform him into the ſame from Glory to Glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer to recommend the Soul to God when it is departing the Body.

O MOST Gracious God, we commend into thy holy hands the Soul of this thy Servant, beſeeching thee to defend it from all evil, and from thy wrath, which he hath deſerved; let thy holy Angels receive this Soul from this ruinous habitation of Clay, and carry it unto the boſom of thy dear Son; O ſay unto this Soul, this day ſhalt thou be with me in Paradiſe, and fear not, for it is my Fathers pleaſure to give you a Kingdom.

GIVE unto his decaying Body, a bleſſed and a glorious Reſurrection, to his weary and afflicted, his penitent and redeemed Soul, a portion in the bleſſed Sentence of the right hand amongſt the happy Children of thy Father, who ſhall receive the Kingdom prepared for them from the beginning of the World; let his Soul dwell in heavenly Manſions, be ſupported with thy hope, comforted with a Holy Conſcience, rejoyce in a confirm'd pardon, be recreated with the viſitation of Angels, and be arrayed in white to follow after the Lamb whitherſoever he goeth.

A Prayer

A Prayer for a Soul departing.

O LORD, remember the good things which by thy Grace, and by the Inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, thy Servant hath performed, and remember not his evil Deeds, nor the frailties of his Youth, which by the weakneſs of the Fleſh, and the temptations of Satan, and the vain contingencies of this World, have afflicted and humbled his poor, but penitent Soul. O God, remember thy only Son did die for theſe, and thy bleſſed Spirit occaſioned the other; and for whom thou haſt given thy Son, and to whom thou haſt vouchſafed to give thy Spirit, give thy Eternal Pardon, and thy Everlaſting Glories, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

An Act of Reſignation when a Friend is deceas'd.

O ETERNAL God, who bringeſt good out of evil, comfort out of ſorrow, and after a gentle viſitation doſt refreſh thy Children, have Mercy upon us, and return to us with thy loving

ving kindneſs, exchanging our preſent ſorrow into the advantages of Holineſs and bleſſing. Thy Judgments, O Lord, are unſearchable, and thy ways paſt finding out, but we will bleſs thy Holy Name at all times, for thou, O Lord, haſt given, and haſt taken away, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord.

BE thou now, and for ever, what thou haſt ſo graciouſly promiſed; a Father of the Fatherleſs, a Husband to the Widow, and a God of Comfort to them that mourn in ſecret. Grant that we thy Servants may not weep as them without hope, neither murmur at thy diſpenſation, nor complain of any thing but our ſelves, nor deſire any thing but that thy Will may be done, nor do any thing but what is agreeable to thy Holy Word and Commandment.

GRANT O Lord, that when thou ſmiteſt any of us, it may increaſe thy fear in us, and when thou doſt good to any of us in ſmiting or forbearing, in chaſtizing or comforting it may encreaſe thy love in us: And let thy Holy Spirit ſo prevail over all our wills and underſtandings, our Affections, and the outward Man, our intereſts and our hopes, that

that we may live in this World pleaſing to thee, and may depart out of this World with the peace of a good Conſcience, and may attain to a joyful Reſurrection in the laſt day, and to a participation of thy Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Meditation after Recovery from Sickneſs.

O COME hither, and behold the Works of the Lord, how wonderful he is in his doings towards the Children of Men: O come hither, and hearken all ye that fear God; and I will tell you what he hath done for my Soul: I called unto him with my mouth, and gave him praiſes with my Tongue: O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou haſt healed me.

THOU Lord haſt brought my Soul out of Hell: Thou haſt kept my Life from them that go down to the Pit: O what great troubles and Adverſities haſt thou ſhewed me, and yet didſt thou turn and refreſh me! yea and broughteſt me from the deep of the Earth again: Praiſed be God which haſt not caſt out my Prayer, nor turned his Mercy from me.

LORD

LORD, What is Man that thou haſt reſpect unto him! Or the Son of Man that thou ſo regardeſt him: The Lord is Righteous in all his wayes, and Holy in all his Works: The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; yea, all ſuch as call upon him faithfully: He will fulfil the deſire of them that fear him: He alſo will hear their Cry, and will help them.

SING Praiſes unto the Lord, O ye Saints of his, and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his Holineſs; for his Wrath endureth but the twinkling of an Eye, and in his pleaſure is Life: Heavineſs may endure for a Night, but joy cometh in the Morning: Praiſed be the Lord daily, even the God which helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

HE is our God, even the God of whom cometh Salvation: God is the Lord, by whom we eſcape Death: I will be glad and rejoyce in thy Mercy: For thou haſt conſidered my trouble, and haſt known my Soul in adverſity, thou haſt turned my heavineſs into joy; thou haſt put off my Sackcloth, aad girded me with gladneſs.

PRAISE the Lord, O my Soul: And all

all that is within me Praiſe his Holy Name: Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul; and forget not all his benefits, which forgiveth all thy Sin, and healeth all thine infirmities; which ſaveth thy Life from deſtruction, and crowneth thee with Mercy and loving-kindneſs: I ſhall not dye but live, and declare the works of the Lord: The Lord hath chaſtned me, and corrected me, but he hath not given me over unto Death.

A Thanksgiving after Recovery from Sickneſs.

OMNIPOTENT Lord God the Author of Life, who bringeſt down to the Grave and raiſeſt up again, I moſt humbly confeſs to the Glory of thine Infinite Majeſty, that if thou hadſt not out of thy tender Compaſſion bleſſed and ſuſtained me in my ſickneſs, I ſhould have gone down to the Gates of Death; but it was thy goodneſs, and loving-kindneſs to ſpare and deliver me from all dangers: Let me for ever Praiſe and glorifie thy Holy Name for this and all other thy Mercies towards me.

THOU art gracious when thou ſmiteſt me, but I cannot expreſs thy infinite ſweet-

ſweetneſs, when thou relieveſt my neceſſity, when thou ſuſtaineſt my Sorrows, when thou doſt deliver me from thy Wrath, when thou heareſt my Prayers, and when thou poureſt thy benefits upon me: O give unto me thy unworthy Servant a thankful Heart, and obedient and loving Spirit, a carefulneſs of my Duty, Charity, and Humility, Zeal of thy Glory, and a Submiſſion to thy Divine Will and Pleaſure; that ſerving thee in all things, I may be conducted at laſt to thy Heavenly Kingdom.

TEACH me alwayes to remember my latter end, and that this Life is but a ſhadow that declineth, and withereth like Graſs; But thou O Lord, ſhalt endure for ever, for thou art the ſame, and thy Years ſhall have no end: Bring me by an unchangeable love and obedience to thee in all the changes and chances of this mortal Life; for his ſake who loved me, and gave himſelf for me, even thy Son, and my alone Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer before a Journey.

O MOST Gracious and Merciful Lord God, who art a God afar off,

off, as well as nigh at hand, be pleased to send thy holy Angel before me thy Servant, to defend me in this my journey from the heat of the day, and the Cold of the Night, from the Arrow that flies at Noon, and the evil Spirits that walk in darkness, from errors and falls, from precipices and fractures of bones, from Robbers, evil intentions, and bad accidents, from violent Weather, and violent Fears, from all impressions of evil Men, and evil Spirits; let this Journey be safe and useful to me thy Servant, Comfortable to my Relations, and holiness to thy great Name.

THE Lord bless me and keep me, the Lord make his Face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me; keep me from all evil, and lead me into all good by the Conduct of thy good Spirit; let thy providence and love, be my defence and security, thy Grace be my portion, and thy Service my Employment; do thou, O Lord, go in and out before me, and keep me in all my wayes, and lead me in thy Paths; bring me back again in peace and safety, and prosper all my innocent and holy purposes; and when the few and evil daies of my Pilgrimage are ended, do thou of thy in-

finite Mercy bring me to the Regions of holineſs and eternal peace, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a Journey.

O GOD, the great Creator and preſerver of all Men, I give thee humble and hearty thanks for thy great Mercies ſhewed unto me, all the dayes of my Life; how often O Lord, haſt thou turned away thy Face from my ſins, and made as if thou perceiveſt them not? How often mighteſt thou have with-held thy hand of preſervation from me, and yet thy patience hath extended ſo far towards me, that thou haſt ſuffered no prejudice to befal me? And as I owe thee infinite thanks for thy former preſervations, ſo now I am further obliged to thee, that thou haſt at this time not only guided me to the place, whither I deſigned to go, but haſt alſo brought me back in ſafety, and in my abſence haſt preſerved all things unto me.

GIVE me thy Grace, O Lord, to be alwaies mindful of theſe, and all other thy Mercies towards me, and make me truly thankful unto thee for them; and grant

grant that as by this thy Mercy I have well finiſhed my affairs abroad, and am returned ſafe to this my Temporal habitation; ſo grant that my Spirit after this Pilgrimage here on Earth, may return to thy Heavenly manſion, and there dwell with thee for ever, and that for the ſake and merits of Jeſus Chriſt, my Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer before a Voyage.

O ETERNAL God, even the God of our Salvation, the hope of all the ends of the Earth, and of them that remain in the wide Ocean; under the ſhadow of whoſe Wings we are always ſecure, and without whoſe protection we cannot expect ſafety; I have been, O Lord, preſerved by thee until this moment from many dangers, for which I have not expreſſed my thankfulneſs in acknowledging thoſe dayly bleſſings I have received from thee; but, O Lord, forget and forgive thoſe manifold ſins which I have committed againſt thee, and blot them out of thy Book of remembrance.

PURGE me O Lord, I beſeech thee

from all vile affections, and grant I may bring forth the Fruits of thy Spirit; go along with me with thy bleſſed Spirit in this my Voyage, preſerve me from Pirates, Robbers, and Enemies, defend me from Rocks, Sands and Shelves, and keep me from Thunder and Lightning, Storms and Tempeſtuous Weather, or any other danger that may diſmay me. To thee, O Lord, I commend my Body and Spirit, to diſpoſe of me according to thy holy Will and Pleaſure; if thou art pleaſed to call for my life upon the ſurface of the Waters, I know thy Almighty Word can command the Sea to give up her Dead at the laſt and great audit.

BUT if thou haſt determined to bring me ſafe to my deſired Haven, give me thy Grace which is ſufficient for me to walk according to thy holy Will in all things; make me to lay hold of Eternal Life, which as the Anchor of Hope, is both ſure and ſtedfaſt; keep me from all temptations Ghoſtly and Bodily, and from ſudden Death, and in thy good time bring me to the Land of the Living, there to reign with thee for evermre. *Amen.*

A Thanks-

A Thanksgiving after a Voyage.

O IMMORTAL God, I have ſeen thy Works O Lord, and thy Wonders in the Deep; thou ſpakeſt the Word and the ſtormy Wind aroſe, which lifted up the Waves thereof, but when we cried unto thee, thou madeſt the Storm to ceaſe, ſo that the Waves thereof were ſtill; then did we rejoyce becauſe we were at reſt, and thou broughteſt us ſafe to that Haven where we would be: O that men would therefore praiſe thee, O Lord, for thy Goodneſs, and declare the Wonders thou doſt continually for them.

I BLESS thy Holy Name, for conducting me through thoſe many dangers which encompaſſed me, and praiſe thy Mercy that the Deep hath not ſwallowed me up, and that I am not gone down into the place of Silence. I alſo praiſe thy holy Name, and admire thy loving Kindneſs towards me, that thou haſt not delivered up my Body and Goods as a prey into the hands of unreaſonable Men, but haſt brought me to my deſired Haven, and at laſt haſt returned me back in ſafety to my Habitation.

O LET me never forget to pay thoſe vows I made to thee, when I was in trouble; but give me an awful ſenſe and apprehenſion of thy great power, and poſſeſs my Soul with a true reverence of thy Divine Majeſty; that I may evermore ſerve thee in holineſs and Righteouſneſs all the days of my Life; Endue me with thy holy Spirit, that I may become acceptable in thy ſight, and may be fitted at length for future Glories, this I beg for thy Son Jeſus Chriſts ſake, my only Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer in a Storm.

O LORD, our God, thou haſt commanded us in the day of Calamity to call upon thy Name, and thou haſt promiſed to hear us; Lord, I fly unto thee, who art a ſure refuge, thy Flood-gates are opened, and the Floods lift up their lofty Waeves. But thou, O Lord, moſt high, art mightier than the noiſe of many Waters; yea, than the mighty Waves of the Sea: Thou canſt in a moment if it ſtand with thy Divine will and pleaſure, rebuke the Winds, and the Sea and this Storm into a Calm.

I KNOW

I KNOW I juſtly deſerve, to be caſt away and utterly to be rejected by thee; but Lord ſave us, or elſe we periſh, accept of my unfeigned Sorrow for all my ſins and tranſgreſſions, and endue me with a ſtedfaſt reſolution to forſake them; be merciful unto us, O God, be merciful unto us, and ſave us from periſhing in theſe deep Waters; O refreſh us with thy Mercy, and that ſoon, leſt we go down into the place of ſilence; O comfort us in this great diſtreſs, that though the Sea rage and Swell, our Hearts may be quiet and ſtill in this time of our diſconſolation.

AND as *I* earneſtly deſire to be protected from this great Peril and danger which now terrifies us, ſo I earneſtly beſeech thee, that thou wilt for ever fill my heart with ſuch an awful dread of thy Majeſty, that I may fear thy Name and praiſe thy power in the great Congregation; awake my dull and drowſie Soul, from the ſloth of Sin, and renew a right Spirit within me; fill me with the gifts and Graces of thy holy Spirit, that I may live the life of the Righteous, and never forget thy loving-kindneſs; ſave us now from Death I beſeech thee, from the mercileſs Waves who are now ready to

ſwallow us up, and bring us home in ſafety for thy Son Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after a Storm.

I PRAISE and glorifie thy holy Name, O Lord, for all thy mercies and bleſſings vouchſafed unto me, eſpecially for this thy laſt great Deliverance, wherein I was encompaſſed in that wide Ocean, whom thou haſt ſet bounds and limits to; if thou, O Lord hadſt not been on my ſide, the Sea had ſwallowed me up quick, and I had gone down into the deep of ſilence; but thou haſt been my God and my Deliverer, and haſt put a new Song into my Mouth, even a Song of Praiſe, and Thanksgiving unto my God.

I ACKNOWLEDGE O Lord, that thou art the God of all the Earth, and of them that remain in the broad Sea; Bleſſed for ever, and magnified be thy Name, that thou haſt not caſt me out of thy ſight, nor turned thy Mercy from me; I have eſcaped thy raging Sea, and the noiſe of the proud Waves have done me no harm, if thy Almighty providence

dence had not protected me, the Streams had gone over my Soul: But the ſtormy Wind and Tempeſt I have narrowly eſcaped, the ſtorm is ceaſed, and I am ſafely delivered.

AND now what ſhall I render to thee O Lord, for this and all other thy great benefits? I will offer up unto thee, the Sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will pay thoſe vows I ſo ſolemnly made unto thee when I was in trouble; I will evermore remember, that my help is in the Lord who made Heaven and Earth, and that thou art that God that can and will deliver me; let this thy mercy and loving-kindneſs never depart my memory, but let me praiſe thy goodneſs, and ſing of thy power, unto my lives end. *Amen.*

A Prayer in time of Thunder and Lightning.

O MOST mighty, and terrible Lord God, before whom the Earth ſhakes and the Heavens drop at thy preſence; thou overturneſt the mountains by the roots, and removeſt them in thy anger; thou doſt great things and thy wayes are paſt finding out; yea thou doſt wonders without number: Thy voice O Lord,

is very powerful, full of Majeſty, that it rends the Air, and caſts forth flames of Fire. Thou canſt, O Lord, at this time, tear us in pieces, and none can be able to deliver us, for there is none but thee alone that delivers after this ſort.

O WHO would not dread thy All-glorious Name, O Lord? Who would not ſtand in awe of thy Majeſty? Who would not fear thy Judgments, when thou ſhoots forth thy Arrows of Thunder and Lightning? It is of thy meer Mercy, O Lord, that we are not at this time conſumed, but that thy tender compaſſions fail not towards us poor, but miſerable Sinners; the blaſt of the breath of thy Noſtrils, can drive us like Chaff before the face of the Wind, and chaſe us into the bottomleſs Pit, from whence there is no Redemption.

BUT thine Eye, O Lord, hath ſpared us, and we are yet alive, O make us living Monuments of thy Mercy, that we may work out our Repentance unto Salvation, and let it be ſuch a Repentance never to be repented of; poſſeſs my heart with ſuch a fear and love of thee, that I may tremble at thy Word, and melt at the ſight of thy Judgments; deliver me, I humbly beſeech thee, in that great day

day of thy appearance, and let me not be in the number of *Depart ye Curſed*, but among thoſe whom thou calleſt, *Come you bleſſed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you.* This I humbly beg for thy Sons ſake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Murriners Prayer.

O GOD, the great Creator of Heaven and Earth, thou doſt whatſoever thou pleaſeſt in the Sea, and in all deep places; I, the moſt unworthieſt of all thy Servants, am at this time called upon to behold thy Wonders in the Deep, and to perform my Duty in great Waters. Guide me, I beſeech thee, in all times and in all places; Be thou our skilful Pilot to ſteer us, and protect us from all Dangers, and rebuke the Winds and the Seas when they moleſt us; preſerve our Veſſel from being rent by the loud cracks of Thunder, or from being burnt by Lightning, or any other accident; keep us and ſave us from tempeſtuous Weather, from bitter Froſts, Hail, Ice, Snow, or Whirlwinds, and from Captivity and Slavery.

TEACH

TEACH me, O God, to remember thee my Creator in the days of my Youth, to continually think upon thee, and to praiſe thy Name for all thy Mercies; bleſs all our Friends, I beſeech thee, that are on Land, and let their Prayers for us be acceptable in thy ſight, and grant that our next meeting together may be for the better, and not for the worſe, even to the praiſing and magnifying of thy holy Name, and Salvation of our own Souls, in the great day of the Lord Jeſus, to whom with thee, and thy bleſſed Spirit, be aſcribed all Honour, Power, and Glory, Adoration and Subjection, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

The Soldiers Prayer.

O MOST Omnipotent Lord God, Heaven is thy Throne, and Earth is thy Footſtool, and the whole Hoſt of Heaven continually pays obedience to thee. O Lord, I preſent my ſelf before thee, acknowledging my own vileneſs, but thy infinite goodneſs, my own weakneſs, but thy infinite Power and Majeſty. O thou that teacheſt our hands to War, and our fingers to Fight, endue me

me with a courage and reſolution to run through thoſe difficulties I may meet withal, and when any engagement preſents it ſelf for the publick good of my King and Countrey, then, O my God, animate me with that vigour and Chriſtian fortitude, that I may overcome all thoſe which oppoſe thee, and thy people.

PRESERVE me, I beſeech thee, and bleſs me in all my *Enterpriſes*; ſave me from Death, and cover my head in our day of Battel; proſper our Arms with good ſucceſs, make our Religion and Country, like the Houſe of *David*, grow ſtronger and ſtronger, but let the Enemy, like the Houſe of *Saul* grow weaker and weaker; let no covetous deſires, greedineſs of Spoil, Ambition, Vain-Glory, Hatred, Malice, Uncharitableneſs, or any thing that exalts it ſelf againſt thee and thy Kingdom; ever take hold of me, keep me from all Atheiſm, Infidelity, Blaſphemy and Prophaneneſs; from all Rioting, Chambering, and Wantonneſs; grant that I may do no violence to any man, nor accuſe no man falſly, but be content with my Wages, that when ever Death approaches, I may joyfully, giving up the Ghoſt, pronounce this ſaying, *I have fought a good fight*,

I have finish'd my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give unto all those which love and fear him, and put their trust in his mercy. Amen.

The Magistrates Prayer.

O GOD, thou Supreme Judge of the World, thou didst ordain Man through thy Wisdom, and gavest him dominion over thy Creatures, and authority to govern the World, according to equity and righteousness, and to execute Judgment with all uprightness; thou hast appointed me a Minister, O Lord, and a Judge of thy Sons and Daughters, but none can discharge so great a trust, without thy divine power and assistance.

TO thee therefore, O Lord, do I humbly address my self; thou art the Fountain from whence every good and perfect gift cometh, and none can rule without thy Wisdom guides them. Endue me, O Lord, with that Wisdom, which is from above, which is first pure, and then peaceable; inspire me with an understanding Spirit, that I may discern between

tween Good and Evil, between Light and Darkneſs, that I may be always ready to pronounce a juſt ſentence in all Cauſes; let the Scales of Juſtice be ever even, and let my Eyes be blind, and my Ears deaf, to all gifts or popular applauſe amongſt men; ſuffer me not to bear thy Sword in vain, but fill me with that Zeal and Courage, that I may be ready to puniſh Wickedneſs and Vice, but encourage true Religion and Vertue, ſo that at the laſt, when thou ſhalt be pleaſed to call me hence, I may give up my Accounts with joy, and not with grief, and receive thoſe bleſſed Words which thou haſt pronounced, of *Well done thou good and faithful Servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.* Amen.

A Prayer of a Debtor in Priſon.

O GOD, the helper of the poor and needy, and all thoſe who are in adverſity; look down, I beſeech thee, with an Eye of Pity and Compaſſion upon thy afflicted Servant, the place I am in is miſerable, diſconſolate and comfortleſs, but withdraw not the light of thy countenance from me. O Lord, I confeſs I have

have abuſed all thoſe mercies I have enjoyed, I have not employed that precious time thou haſt given me to improve, but on the contrary, I have been negligent and guilty of all profuſeneſs; I have been worſe than an Infidel, in not making that proviſion for my Family which I was obliged in Juſtice to perform, neither have I paid thoſe due Debts which I became bound to do, therefore am I plunged into this depth of miſery.

DIVERS ways I am apprehenſive, I have highly offended thy Divine Majeſty, both in thought, word, and Deed, for which I earneſtly implore thy gracious pardon and forgiveneſs; I acknowledge thy Divine Goodneſs and Mercy, that thou haſt not ſnatched me hence, and ſent me into everlaſting burnings amongſt the damned, but thou haſt preſerved me unto this moment, that I might live and praiſe thy great Name. My Body, O Lord, is now confin'd, but I beſeech thee enlarge my Spirit, whereby I may offer up the Sacrifice of Prayer and Thankſgiving with all cheerfulneſs, for all thy innumerable beneſits which I have from time to time received from thee; diſpoſe the hearts of my Creditors

to

to a free compliance, and enable me I beſeech thee to make them reſtitution, that when Ever I ſhall be releaſed, I may walk more Circumſpectly, and redeem that time I have ſo vainly loſt: Bleſs all thoſe whoſe Charity have extended to my relief, or have ſought to procure my Liberty, and bring us all at laſt to thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer of a Malefactor in Priſon.

O MOST merciful God, thou art Holy in all thy ways, and righteous in all thy Works; vouchſafe thy Grace, O Lord, to a vile wretch and incorrigible ſinner; I implore, O Lord, that Mercy which formerly I have abuſed, I ſigh and groan now under the Weight of my ſins, and they are become a burden too heavy for me to bear; my preſumptuous and wicked proceedings ſtick like ſo many arrows within me, and when with an awakened Conſcience I remember them, I am ready to ſink down into the Pit of perdition, and utterly deſpair of any Mercy or Compaſſion.

HOW brutiſh have I been, in hating inſtruction, and all manner of reproof. I have not obeyed the voice of my Teachers

Teachers, neither did I incline my Ear to them that admoniſhed me, but like the Deaf Adder I ſtopped my Ears, and adhered not to wiſe Counſel; thy moſt holy Laws I have broken, thy Sabbath I have prophaned by exceſs of drunkenneſs and all manner of riot and debauchery, which have been as fore-runners of this crime, for which I ſtand now committed, and the hand of juſtice hath overtaken me.

But O Lord, I beſeech thee, have Mercy upon me even for his ſake who redeemed me and all Mankind; accept of his atonement for my ſins, and ſave my Soul for thy Mercies ſake; waſh away all my ſins in his moſt precious Blood, and blot out all my offences out of thy remembrance; O ſhew me ſome taſte of thy tender Mercy, whereby the fear of Death may be abated, give me ſome aſſurance of a hope in thee that when my day of diſſolution comes, my unworthy Soul may be received into thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Submiſſion to the Sentence of Death.

O ETERNAL God, in all humility of Soul and Body, I caſt my ſelf at the

the Feet of thy Divine Majeſty; thou art the Soveraign Judge of all the World, and haſt fully pronounced againſt me and all ſinners, that *duſt thou art, and to duſt thou ſhalt return,* in obedience to thy Divine Juſtice, I wholly reſign all the faculties of my Soul and Body to thy Sentence pronounced againſt me, acknowledging it moſt juſt and due to me for thoſe infinite Sins I have committed againſt thee.

O LET it never ſlip from my Memory, that bloody and ſhameful Death of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, who after he had ſuffered in his Soul unſpeakable ſorrows, and in his Agony and bloody Sweat offered up himſelf a Sacrifice for mine, and the ſins of the whole World: Never let me repine at what the hand of Juſtice hath decreed to my Body, but let me by a ſincere Repentance, ſeek thy face to preſerve my Soul; the Death I am to ſuffer is painful and even a ſhameful death; but thou, O my God canſt make my paſſage Eaſie.

THOU O my God didſt remember the Thief upon the Croſs, O remember me I beſeech thee in my laſt Hour, and ſay unto my Soul, *this day ſhalt thou be with me in Paradiſe*; keep my Heart and Mouth

mouth from pronouncing words which may be offenſive to Chriſtian Ears, but let me never be aſhamed to confeſs thy holy Name, and to continue thy Soldier and Servant, manfully fighting under thy Banner, unto my lives end. Strengthen me, O Lord, in this great conflict, and ſhew me the light of thy Countenance for evermore. *Amen.*

A Preparation for Death.

MOST gracious God, the Fountain of all goodneſs, I bleſs and magnifie thy Holy Name, for all thy mercies extended to me and all Mankind; I bleſs thee for my being and well-being, from the hour of my Conception, to the day of my Nativity, from my Minority to my riper Years, and age of full ſtrength, and even to this preſent moment; I praiſe thy holy Name for all the means of Grace, and for the hope of Glory, for my Creation, Redemption, Preſervation, and all the bleſſings of this life.

I MAGNIFIE thee for all thy mercies, in forgiving my infinite Tranſgreſſions; for all thy patience and long-ſuffering

ſuffering towards me, I have like the Prodigal Son, abſented my ſelf from thee, and at my return thou haſt received me graciouſly. Lord, I humbly beſeech thee, raiſe me up from the death of Sin unto the life of Righteouſneſs, that being made a partaker of the death of Chriſt, and a follower of his holy life, I may be made a partaker of his Spirit, and of his Promiſes.

O LET me never charge thee, O my God, fooliſhly, nor offend thee by my impatience, and uneaſie Spirit, nor weaken the hands and hearts of thoſe that charitably miniſter to my Neceſſities, but let me paſs through this vale of tears, and the valley of the ſhadow of death with peace and ſafety, with a meek ſpirit, and a ſenſe of thy divine mercies; grant this, Eternal God, for the merits of thy only Son, my ever bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Pardon of Sin.

O MOST merciful God, who wouldeſt not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould turn from his wickedneſs and live, have mercy upon me, and

and heal my Soul, for I have ſinned againſt thee, I have committed Iniquity with greedineſs, and have added unto ſin daily and hourly, I have made reſolutions and purpoſes of amendment, but in a moment I have ſtarted aſide like a broken Bow, and have returned to my former cuſtom, like the Dog to his vomit, and the Swine to her wallowing in the mire.

BUT thou art a God, gracious and merciful, pardoning Iniquity, Tranſgreſſion and Sin, and there is forgiveneſs with thee, that thou mayeſt be feared; therefore to thee, O God, I come like an ungracious Child, but to a gracious Father; I come in all humility of Soul and Body, and appeal from thy Throne of Juſtice unto thy Mercy-ſeat. Mercy good Lord, I beg at thy Fatherly hands, for I acknowledge with grief of heart, and ſorrow of ſpirit, that I have infinitely ſinned againſt Heaven, and againſt thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy Son.

GIVE unto me, O Lord, a new heart, and a right underſtanding, that I may perceive the evil of my ways, and repent of all my tranſgreſſions: Lord, where Iniquity did abound, there let thy

thy Grace much more abound; hide thy face from my ſins, and blot out all mine Iniquities, and receive me graciouſly; and that for his ſake who died for Sin, and knew no Sin; even that Immaculate Lamb, thy dear Son Jeſus Chriſt the Righteous, my only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

ADDITIO-

ADDITIONAL DEVOTIONS FOR Several Occasions ORDINARY, AND EXTRAORDINARY.

Phil. iv. 6.

Be careful for nothing, but in every thing, by Prayer and Supplication, with Thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

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ADDITIONAL DEVOTIONS.

A Prayer for Chriſtmaſs-Day.

O BLESSED Lord, who as upon this day took our Nature upon thee, and waſt born of a pure Virgin, keep me from defiling my ſelf with ſinful pollutions, or abaſing, or enthralling it to Satan; let thy Spirit quicken me, thy Fleſh nouriſh me, thy Wiſdom guide me, thy Grace ſanctifie me: Let thy holy Ghoſt of whom thou waſt conceived, beget thee in me, by the Immortal Seed of thy Word; let my Faith conceive thee, my Profeſſion bring thee forth, my Love embrace thee, and Devotion entertain, and continually keep thee with me, until thy ſecond coming. *Amen.*

A *Prayer for New-Years Day.*

O LORD, who this day waſt Circumciſed and Bleddeſt for my ſins,

have pity and compaſſion, who with weeping Eyes and a bleeding heart come unto thee; beſeeching thee, that thoſe drops of blood which fell from thee this day, may ſatisfie for the ſin of my unworthy Birth; and as thou haſt begun a new year, begin in me a new reformation, make me, I beſeech thee, a clean heart, and renew a right Spirit within me; let me now caſt off the old Man, and put on the new; and from this day to the end of my life, walk in newneſs of life, that I may become a fit gueſt to be admitted into the new Heaven, where dwelleth Righteouſneſs, and to be entertained at thy Table, and drink new Wine with thee, in thy Heavenly Kingdom for evermore.

A Prayer for Twelfth Day.

O GOD, thou light of all the World, who guidedſt the Heathen Sages by a Star, to ſeek after thee, give me Grace to hearken to the more ſure Word of Propheſie in thy holy Scripture, till the day dawn, and the day-ſtar ariſe in my heart, the Star guided them, till they approached thy preſence, ſo, O Lord,

Lord, let the light of Faith guide me in all the Paths of this Life, even till I come to behold thee, not in a poor Stable littered with ſtraw and dung, but in a celeſtial Palace founded upon *Pearls*, and built with *Saphyrs*; not receiving a preſent of Gold which fades away, but wearing a never fading Crown of Glory; not having a quantity of *Frankincenſe* or Myrrh in thy hand, but a golden Cenſor full of ſweet odours, which are the praiſes of thy Saints and Angels; amongſt which I beſeech thee offer up the Prayers of me a Sinner, that I may become a Saint in thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Aſh-Wedneſday.

O ETERNAL God, who didſt faſt forty days in the Wilderneſs, accept of my humiliation theſe forty days; and grant that I may not only faſt from accuſtomed Meats, but that all my ſenſes may be reſtrained from their uſual affections of this World, let no object delight me till I behold my ſins removed like a miſt, and the light of thy Countenance ſhine upon me: Let no ſound or voice delight my Ear, till I hear thee

by thy Spirit, ſpeak peace to my Conſcience, and ſay unto my Soul, I am thy Salvation: Let no other pleaſures take hold of me, till with the ſower Herbs of Sorrow and anguiſh I have Eaten the Chriſtian paſſeover, the fleſh of thee, that Immaculate Lamb, ſlain from the beginning of the World: Hear me, O bleſſed redeemer, and as thou wroteſt in duſt when thou tookeſt the Woman in Adultery: So I beſeech thee write my ſins in duſt, and bury them all in the aſhes of oblivion. *Amen.*

A Prayer on Goodfriday.

OMOST Merciful and Gracious Lord God, who by thy obedience unto Death, even the Death of the Croſs, didſt become the Sacrifice of the whole Univerſe, the magnificent example of patience, the Lord of Life, the good ſhepherd laying down thy Life for thy ſheep, and the only Mediator between God, and Man; let thy bleeding wounds heal, thy precious blood cleanſe, thy ſhameful death make me to live, and thy holy Spirit make me to work righteouſneſs all my dayes; that I may by thy

thy aid, and example obey my Heavenly Father with all my powers and faculties, reason and affections, with my Soul and Body, time and Estate in prosperity, and in adversity; that I may bear my Cross patiently, do thy work cheerfully, and be ready to benefit mankind, with great Charity and Industry, that being a follower of thy Life, and a partaker of thy Death, I may receive a part in the Resurrection of the Just in thy inheritance for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer on Easter-Day.

O MOST glorious Redeemer, thou didst pass from a painful life to an ignominious death, and from the bitterness of it to the darkness of the Grave, and by thy Divine power didst raise thy self from thence to Life; *I* give thee thanks for thy infinite love to me, and all Mankind; I acknowledge thee to be my Lord, and confess thee to be my God, I adore thy Majesty, and rejoyce in thy Mercies; I humbly pray thee, to enable me with thy Spirit to believe all thy Doctrines, and to obey all thy Commandments, that after a Holy and religi-

ous life ſpent in doing honour to thy holy Name, I may be a partaker of thy holy Reſurrection, paſſing from death to life, from the darkneſs of the Grave, to the light of Heaven, from an imperfect Duty to the perfection of holineſs in the fruition of the joyes of God in thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer upon Aſcenſion Day.

O BLESSED Jeſus, thou didſt aſcend to thy holy Father, and didſt open the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers; thou haſt eſpouſed thy Church unto thy ſelf with the Everlaſting Circles of thy Providence, with thy Love, and with thy Care, with thy Word, and with thy Spirit, thy promiſes, and thy holy interceſſion; thou hadſt a feeling of my infirmities, and art my Merciful high Prieſt, making interceſſion for me for ever; O be thou pleaſed to repreſent all my wants, and ſupply them, and excuſe all my infirmities, pity all my Calamities, pardon my Sins, and ſend down thy holy Spirit of Grace into my heart, that though I wander here upon Earth, yet my Converſation may be in Heaven, where let my inheritance be for ever. *Amen.* A

A Prayer on Whitſunday.

O GOD, the Father of all Spirits, who didſt ſend thy holy Spirit upon thy Church in the day of pentecoſt, and haſt promiſed that he ſhall abide with thy Church for ever, let thy holy Spirit lead me into all truth, defend me from all Sins, enrich me with his gifts, refreſh me with his Comforts, rule in my heart for ever, Conduct me with his truth, and lead me in the way Everlaſting, that living by thy Spirit, and walking in him, I may by him be Sealed up to the day of my redemption; O let thy Spirit witneſs to my Spirit, that I am thy Child, and make me to be ſo for ever, through Jeſus Chriſt my Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the ſame Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer upon Trinity-Sunday.

O HOLY, Bleſſed and glorious Trinity, the Angels are amazed in the beauties of that glorious preſence, how then can I poor ſinful wretch praiſe thee either

either according to my Duty, or thy Glories; I confeſs and glory in thy omnipotency, thy omniſcience, thy truth, and thy Mercy, O let me alſo receive thy bleſſings and gracious influences, that I may adore thee with all my power for ever, and ſerve thee with my beſt and earlieſt induſtry; that being here wholly inebriated with Love, and employed in thy ſervice, and the Duty of a holy Obedience, I may to all Eternity rejoyce in the beholding of thoſe Glories which are above all Capacities, even thoſe Glories which ſtream forth from the Throne of the Eternal God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, to whom be Glory and Dominion, Honour and Adoration, World without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be uſed upon any Apoſtles Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who haſt built thy Holy Church upon the Foundation of the Apoſtles and Prophets, Jeſus Chriſt being the chief corner ſtone, I bleſs and magnifie thy Holy Name, for thy great Graces thou gaveſt to thy Apoſtles, Prophets, and Martyrs in the days

days of their Fleſh, and this day I have thy Servant [*Here name the Apoſtle*] in remembrance, praiſing thee for the benefit the Church hath received by his Miniſtry and Example; and I beſeech thee give me thy Grace, that obeying thy Doctrine which he taught, and following his Example as he followed Chriſt, I may alſo with ſafety and holineſs paſs through this Valley of Tears, that ſerving thee in my Generation, advancing thy Honour, and obeying thy Laws, I may in the Society and Communion of Saints and Angels, Sing Eternal Hallelujahs to the Honour of thy Mercy, and of thy Majeſty, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Church.

O LORD God Almighty, I beſeech thee keep thy holy Church in Peace, Unity, and Safety, preſerve it againſt all Storms, Temptations and Enemies, that ſhe offering to thy Glory the never-ceaſing Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, may advance the honour of her Lord, and be partaker of his Glory, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour, *Amen.* *A Prayer*

A Prayer for the King and Queen.

ALMIGHTY God, by whom Kings Reign, and Princes decree Juſtice, I humbly beſeech thee to ſave, and with the choiceſt of thy Benedictions, bleſs thy Servants, and our Soveraign Lord and Lady, King *William* and Queen *Mary*; preſerve their Royal Perſons in Health and Honour, their power in Wealth and Dignity, their Dominions in Peace and Plenty; the Churches under their Protections, in Piety, Knowledge, and a ſtrict and holy Religion. Let not the Wicked approach to hurt them, nor any Weapon that is formed againſt them proſper, but keep them perpetually in thy fear and favour, and Crown them at laſt with Glory and Immortality. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Royal Family.

BLESS, O Lord, I beſeech thee, *Katherine* the Queen Dowager, her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Anne* of *Denmark*, with the reſt of the Royal Family; keep them in thy fear, and protect

tect them with thy favour, and after this life is ended, Crown them with everlasting happineſs in the World to come. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy.

O ALMIGHTY God, protect thy Stars in thy right hand, the moſt Reverend the Arch-Biſhops, the right Reverend the Biſhops, with all other Inferiour Prieſts and Deacons: grant that all Congregations committed to their charge, may edifie by their Doctrine, and live Godly and Peaceable lives under them, to the ſaving of their Souls in the day of the Lord Jeſus. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament.

BLESS, O Lord, I beſeech thee, the great Council of the Nation, the Lords and Commons aſſembled in Parliament, grant that all their Conſultations may tend to thy Glory, the good of thy Church, and the Safety, Honour, and Welfare, of our Soveraign Lord and

and Lady, and their Kingdoms; let Juſtice run down like a ſtream, and Righteouſneſs like the mighty Waters, that there may be no leading into Captivity, nor no complaining in our Streets, but that Mercy and Truth may meet together, and Righteouſneſs and Peace may kiſs each other; grant this O Lord, for thy Sons ſake, and my alone Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Navy and Army.

O ETERNAL God, thou art the Lord of Hoſts, and the ſtrength of all Nations is from thee, and no Victory can wait upon the juſteſt Deſigns, upon the wiſeſt Councels, upon the ſtrongeſt Armies, if thou teach not their hands to War, and their fingers to Fight: Lend us, O Lord, thy aſſiſtance, by Land and Sea, be with our Armies, and the Armies of our Allies and Aſſociates by Land, and be with our Navy at Sea; be not from the one, nor from the other, until thou haſt brought them back with Honour, Victory, or a ſetled Peace: Let not that proud Diſturber and Deſtroyer of Mankind any longer

Inſult

Inſult over thy People, but turn his Sword into his own Boſom. O Lord, thy Servants are unfeignedly ſorrowful for thoſe Sins they have committed againſt thy Divine Majeſty, O do thou pardon us, and receive us graciouſly, and then we may truſt in thy goodneſs, that thou wilt pour down all thy Bleſſings upon this, and all other deſigns and actions of this State, undertaken for thy Glory, the Honour of our moſt gracious Soveraign Lord and Lady, the Peace and Welfare of the whole Church, and Their Majeſties three Kingdoms; grant this, O Lord, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Gods People in General.

MOST gracious God, I humbly beſeech thee to bleſs all thy People whereſoever diſperſed, or howſoever diſtreſſed, over the face of the whole Earth, more eſpecially in theſe Nations of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*; give us all humble and obedient hearts to thee our God, Loyal hearts to our Soveraign Lord and Lady, King *William* and

and Queen *Mary*, and charitable thoughts one towards another; Convert and bring home thine own People the *Jews*, and bring in the fulneſs of the *Gentiles*: ſave and have Mercy upon all *Aſiaticks* and *Affricans*, and all thoſe that never heard of a Crucified Saviour; this I humbly beg for thy Sons ſake, my alone Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the Spaniſh *Invaſion.*

WE laud and magnifie thy holy Name for this thy wonderful deliverance from *Roman* Slavery, and *Popiſh* Uſurpation, which would have deſtroyed the Renowned and Glorious Queen *Elizabeth*, and her Kingdom; their Gallies and Ships came to aſſault us, being full of Pride, and nominating themſelves Invincible; but thou, O Lord, our ſtrength, didſt awake us out of ſleep, and like a Giant refreſhed with Wine, ſmote our Enemies in the hinder parts, and didſt put them all to Confuſion. Grant, O Lord, that we may never want thankful hearts to praiſe thee, for this and all other thy Mercies, even to our lives end. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for our great deliverance from the Powder Treaſon, and from Popery and Slavery, and Arbitrary Power.

O MOST mighty God, whoſe All-ſeeing Eye of Providence did diſcover to us that Train which Popiſh malice had laid to deſtroy the King, his Nobles and Commons then aſſembled in Parliament; they had contrived by their barbarous Invention, to have blown up the Bodies of that great and wiſe Council, but thou, O God, didſt defeat their bloody Enterpriſe, whereof we rejoyce.

WE likewiſe praiſe and extol thy great Name, for this ſecond and never to be forgotten Deliverance; O let after Ages, and the Children that are yet unborn, when they come to underſtand this thy wonderful Mercy, let it never ſlip from their memory. Thou, O Lord, didſt raiſe up thy Servant, our Soveraign Lord, King *William*, who like *Moſes*, ſtood in the Gap between us and *Roman* Slavery, which like a Torrent was pouring upon us; O let us never forget thy double Mercy extended towards us this day, thou haſt plucked

plucked us as a Firebrand out of the burning, and haſt reſtored to us thoſe good and wholſome Laws and Liberties, which our Anceſtors have enjoyed; inſpire our hearts that we may extol thy Name, O Lord, for theſe great Mercies and Deliverances, and let all the people with one voice ſay, *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for the happy Succeſs of Their Majeſties Arms in reducing of Ireland, *and for His Majeſties ſafe return to* England.

O GOD, the great Preſerver of the Univerſe, I offer up unto thee all Praiſe and Thanksgiving, for putting an end to thoſe troubles and diſorders which were in Their Majeſties Kingdom of *Ireland*; thou haſt done great things for us, O Lord, whereof I rejoyce; thy Servant, and our Dear and Dread Soveraign King *William*, did expoſe his Perſon to the danger of the Enemy, but thou didſt protect him from their Malice, gaveſt Succeſs to his Arms and Royal Undertaking, and didſt cover his Head in the day of Battel, and at laſt thou haſt brought him ſafe home with Joy

Joy and Victory. Proſper, O Lord, I beſeech thee, both Their Majeſties with long Life and Happineſs, and grant that all their Subjects may be furniſhed with Loyal and Obedient Hearts towards them, and Love and Charity one towards another; give Peace in our time, O Lord, and put an end to all differences amongſt us, for thy Sons ſake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Charity.

GRANT, O Lord I beſeech thee, that I may abound in Charity, yielding up my ſelf firſt to thy ſervice, and then according to thy bleſſed will to the ſervice and relief of my poor Brethren; let me ever remember, that thou, O Lord, madeſt thy ſelf poor, that I might be made rich; and he that ſoweth ſparingly, ſhall alſo reap ſparingly, but he that ſoweth liberally, ſhall alſo reap liberally; for thou loveſt a cheerful giver: Make me to abound, O Lord, with thy Grace, that I may be plentiful in every good word and work; and never let me hide my Face from the poor and needy: Thou, O Lord giveſt ſeed to

to the Sower, and Bread to the Eater, encreaſe my wealth, and augment the revenue of my Righteouſneſs, whereby I may be enriched in all frankneſs of liberality. *Amen.*

A Prayer to renounce the World, and affect Spiritual things.

O GOD the Father, who raiſedſt from the dead, our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who offered up himſelf a Sacrifice for the ſins of the whole World; to the end he might withdraw our affections from Temporal, and fix them upon that which is Eternal; give us hearts to obey thy truth, and infuſe into us thy Spirit, which may produce thy vertues in us: And becauſe we are thy Children, ſend the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts, whereby we may cry, *Abba* Father, that being thy Children, we may be Heirs through Chriſt, and walk according to the Spirit, not fulfilling the Luſts of the fleſh, knowing that what a Man ſoweth, that ſhall he reap, for he that ſoweth to his fleſh, ſhall of the fleſh reap Corruption, but he that ſoweth to the Spirit, ſhall of the Spirit reap life Everlaſting.

LET

LET us glory in nothing, ſave in the croſs of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whom the world may be crucified unto us, and we unto the World; that in him we may become new Creatures, not growing weary of well-doing, knowing that we ſhall reap in due ſeaſon, if we faint not: Wherefore while we have time, let us do good to all Men, but eſpecially unto the Houſhold of Faith, and all they that ſhall walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and upon the *Iſrael* of God.

A Concluſive Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, who haſt promiſed to hear the Petitions of them that ask in thy Sons Name, I beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine Ears unto me, who have now made my Prayers and Supplications unto thee, and grant that thoſe things which I have faithfully asked according to thy Will, may be effectually obtained, to the relief of my Neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bleſſing.

THE Peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; and the bleſſing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, with the Vertue of Chriſts bleſſed Croſs, Paſſion, Reſurrection and Aſcenſion, be with me now, at the hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment. *Amen.*

GRACES.

A Grace before Meat.

O GOD, who art the giver of every good and perfect Gift, ſanctifie we beſeech thee, theſe thy Creatures now prepared for us, make them wholſome for our Bodies, and our Souls and Bodies ſerviceable unto thee for them, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Or

Or this.

MOST merciful Father, which openeſt thy hand, and filleſt all things with plenteouſneſs, we pray thee ſanctifie theſe thy good Creatures unto us, that we may eat to preſerve life, and living ſerve thee our God, through thine only Son, our Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Or this.

O LORD, our God, by whoſe Providence it is that we live, move, and have our Being, ſend thy Bleſſing upon us and our Proviſion, and grant that whether we Eat, or Drink, or whatſoever we do elſe, we may do all to the Glory of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

After Meat.

THE Lords moſt holy Name be now and ever bleſſed and praiſed for all his Mercies, and for his bleſſings at this time beſtowed upon us. Lord, as thou haſt fed our Bodies with corporal Food, ſo

ſo feed our Souls likewiſe with ſpiritual Food unto life Eternal. Save thine Univerſal Church, theſe Realms, the King, the Queen, and all the Royal Family, and grant us thy Grace, Mercy, and Peace, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

THE God of all Grace and Goodneſs, who at this time hath fed and plenteouſly refreſhed us, his moſt holy Name be bleſſed and praiſed, from this time forth and for evermore. God ſave his Univerſal Church, *&c.*

Or this.

WE laud and praiſe thy Name, O Lord, for all thy bleſſings and favours, and for feeding us ſo plentifully at this time, deſiring thee of thy Grace, that our thankfulneſs may not be in Word and in Tongue, but expreſſed by our careful ſtudy to glorifie thee our God, in all our Words and Works, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Save thy Univerſal Church, *&c.*

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